

"More Family Conflict"

Genesis 31

Are you able to trust GOD in the midst of difficulty?

I. When do you _____ anywhere? **V.1-18**

A. _____ do you leave anywhere? Do you exit because:

1. You _____ like it?
2. You are _____?
3. _____ is tight?
4. You _____ and disappointed?
5. People don't _____ you?
6. It's much _____ than you thought?

B. For the committed follower of CHRIST, you only leave when _____; and not before. **V.3** Romans 8:14

* Would you leave if you knew the _____, the miracle, and the release of GOD's revelation, resources, or _____ was coming very soon? Genesis 41:1 (it's always _____ to leave, unless GOD tells you)

C. Do you just _____? Most people are runners, because they:

1. Don't like _____
2. Don't like to _____
3. They are more passive, than _____ (saying what they want)

D. OR do you _____? It is harder initially, but in the long term this keeps people from making wrong _____, minimizes hurt feelings, creates less _____, and is far healthier.

II. _____, do you have them? (false gods)

A. Why did _____ run the risk of taking them? **V.19** Did she:

1. Do it for _____, to hurt her father?
2. Do it for _____ reasons?
3. Feel a strong _____ toward them?
4. _____ to give her own family success?
5. _____ the gods that they represented?

B. Idols are things that:

- give you _____ - offer you _____ - you _____
- you go to when you are _____, tired, or _____
- your heart _____ in _____ (All above and before _____)

C. What are your _____ idols? Exodus 20:3-5

III. Are you dependent upon _____?

A. Jacob stated, "GOD did not allow him to _____." **V.7**

B. Jacob's _____ was the game-changer for the family. **V.8-12**

C. GOD reminded Jacob of their encounter _____ before. **V.13**

D. GOD visited Laban and said, "Be _____ what you say!" **V.24**

IV. An Ugly Family _____ ensued.

(Did Jacob not think _____ would come?)

A. Laban had some tough _____ for his son-in-law. **V.26-30**

(can you take harsh words?)

B. Jacob stated that he fled because of _____. **V.31-32**

What are you _____ of? Prov. 29:25, 2 Tim. 1:7

C. Laban then _____ Jacob's tents searching for his gods.

V.33-35

D. This was the last straw for Jacob. He angrily _____ at

His father-in-law. **V.36-42**

V. The importance of a _____. (an understanding, an _____, a _____ between 2 parties)

A. The old conniver, Laban, sensed all control had _____ completely out of his hands. Plus this could be potentially dangerous to both parties. A truce needed to be brokered before _____ broke out.

B. He still stubbornly maintained that the daughters, the children, and all the livestock _____ to him. Yet Laban asked for a covenant to be made between he and Jacob.

1. Jacob set up a _____, then they heaped stones around it.

2. They called the place _____. **V.47-48**

It was also called _____. **V.49**

3. The purpose was to make this spot a _____ to the truce; to indicate that future _____ would be averted. This memorial also acted as a _____ between the two distrustful parties. **V.51-52**

4. On this mountain, a _____ was offered invoking GOD's oversight, which was followed by large _____ to consecrate the covenant.

6. After spending the night on the mountain, Laban kissed and said _____ to his daughters and grandchildren and left.

7. Jacob too left, but encountered supernatural beings (_____) and named that region, Manhanaim, meaning _____. **32:1-1**
This meant that he camped there the night before, but _____.

8. GOD had gotten Jacob through this difficult, stressful chapter of his life, and the appearance of angels _____ Jacob that GOD would help him get through the even more _____ chapter ahead. **Gen. 32**