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Study No. 2 Jacob and His Family - At Peniel



Genesis 32: 1-32

Suggested Further Reading
Consider also the experiences of Moses, Isaiah and Paul in:
Exodus 3: 1-22 and 4: 1-17 Isaiah 6: 1-13 Acts 9: 1-19



Genesis 32: 11

Sometimes we face a crisis and we don't know how to cope with it. That's how it was with Jacob. He had now left Haran and was making his way back to Canaan. He knew that he would have to meet his brother Esau very soon. He was very concerned and worried about this.

Look at Genesis 27: 41 and explain **IN YOUR OWN WORDS** why, even after 20 years, Jacob was still frightened of meeting Esau.

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However, Jacob was encouraged to go forward as we read in chapter 32.

From whom did he get a reminder that God was with him?

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Fill in the missing words in the following paragraph to see what happened next.

Jacob sent messengers to Esau saying, "Jacob, your, says that he has been staying with Laban and now has flocks of and"

The messengers came back saying that Esau was coming with men.

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Jacob was frightened when he heard the news. He did two things, according to verses 7-12:-

1. He made a PLAN. Write a sentence to explain what it was.

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2. He PRAYED and in his prayer he reminded God of two promises He had made to him years before.

Write the promises in the speech bubbles.

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Write out the Key Verse and **UNDERLINE** the special request that Jacob made to God.

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Jacob got the order wrong. In times of trouble we should always pray first and plan afterwards! It may be that he felt he needed to meet God again and have further proof of His help.

Answer YES or NO to the following:-

Jacob spent the night with his family.

A 'man' wrestled with Jacob all night.

Jacob decided to run away from Esau.

Jacob went ahead to meet Esau on his own.

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For Jacob, it was a very strange yet important experience. He was sure that he had met God! That was more important than meeting Esau!

Write down the sentence from the Bible Reading which tells us that Jacob knew he had met God.

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After years of deception and following his own way rather than God's way, he came to a crisis point when finally he was prepared to yield his life completely to God.

As a result of this encounter, what happened? Fill in the spaces:-

God him. (Verse 29)

God gave him a new (Verse 28)

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Jacob's thigh was out of joint. He would limp for the rest of his life and would not find it easy to run away from God again.

When we face difficulties we do need to meet with God. This means spending time alone with Him, praying and thinking. In this way we can receive God's blessing. Also, some of the bad things in our lives can be sorted out, when we are prepared to let the Lord have control in our lives.

Have you ever really met with God?

For teacher's remarks

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