



Sermon Notes: Winning the Bible Way – Self-Discovery

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Text: Genesis 28:10 - 22

Message: Self Discovery

Winning Defined

Layers of Winning

Struggle: Difficulties, tribulations, trials

Strategy: The Plan of God, His Will

Providence: Supernatural provision of God timing

Self-Discovery: Your identity. The qualities, beliefs, opinions, character, feelings, and talents that make a particular person different from others.

Jacob Stumbled into God Strategy

What you stumble into, God has already strategized.

Jacob, fleeing for his life, runs into the desert. Leaving behind his home, inheritance, and livestock. Running without a sense of purpose. His priority was just the need to find safety, to get out of harms way. Just to survive. Yet at the unlikely moment he by way of struggle, escort by the strategy of God, and grace of God Providence. Discovers God. The first step in Discovering who you are is to Discover who God is.

Jacob Discovered God: Personal experience

Up until this period, Jacob hadn't experienced a personal experience with God

Genesis 28:13

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Discovering God: God is With Us

Understanding that God is With Us (Even in the hard places)

Genesis 28:16

It's not enough to know about God. God must be revealed to us. We must have a personal revelation of who God is.

God is not only omnipresent (everywhere at the same time). We must realize that God is with us in the place where we are now.

God was there in the desert, while he was on the run, and Jacob didn't know it. Many people in the hospital, in problems, at home are not cognizant/aware of the fact that God is there. One on One. In the place.

God is In the Places of our lives

Psalm 139: 1-12

We need to discover God and His closeness. To the point that God become more real our lives than our church, our bishop, our families, and our problems.

God is stable, steadfast, immovable, everlasting, God is in the place where you are.

Become acquainted with the truth that God will show up in the places of our lives.

Self Discovery: Self-Identity

In our quest to discover our self we must embrace God Truth. True self-discovery must be founded on God's truth.

Pain from the Womb or Hurt from a Wound: Jacob: The Trickster

1 Corinthians 14:10

It's possible to think you are what your pain, your disfunction, demon/demons, disfunction, your past, your lust, your flesh, your mistake, what people have spoken over, said about and call you. All these influences come in the form of voices. And they bring with them an identity, a name. (Many voices in the world and all have influence.)

To walk in victory, we must be clear, confidence, and comfortable in who God has made us to be.

We can begin to understand our true identities when we understand how God sees us. When we remain connected with God, we realize that our identity comes from the way the Father sees us, and that we are also loved, accepted, precious and taken care of by Him.

Truth Makes You Free

John 8:32

Revelation 1:6

Wrestle to Stay

Discovery of God provides the Segway to your identity. God will pronounce who you are. This can cause a struggle between what you have been, versus who God says you are. Fighting to remain the same, or to go back to what was...

Genesis 32: 24 – 32 (verse 28)

Jacob: (trickster, cheat, swindler, fraud, con artist) – influenced by Rebeca

Israel: influenced by God. The origin of the name Israel is Hebrew. ... The meaning of Israel (Yisroel or Yisrael in the original Hebrew) is **“Struggle with God” or “Prince with God.”** God gave that name to Jacob after Jacob spent the night wrestling with the Angel of the Lord

Psalms 100:3

To know ourselves, to walk in our proper identity, we must go back to the one who made us. Look at the root of the identities we take on and evaluate if they came from who we truly are or because we believed that’s who we’re supposed to be.

1 John 4:10

We can stay connected to the Father like Jesus did. When we do this, we realize that our identity comes from the way the Father sees us, and that we are also loved, accepted, cherished and taken care of by Him.

“Define yourself radically as one beloved by God. This is the true self. Every other identity is an illusion.” – B. Manning