

Genesis 28 — Grace For People in Process

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READ: Genesis 28:10-22

POINT: God shows grace to imperfect people in process through:

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- ▶ Read Matt. 1:23 and 28:20 and discuss God's desire to be with us.
- ▶ How do struggle to believe God's desire to be with you? How would it change you to really believe His presence is with you?

II. GRACE FOR PEOPLE IN PROCESS: PROTECTION

- ▶ If one of the roles of angels is to provide for and protect God's people, what do you think God is trying to communicate to Jacob by VS 12?
- ▶ Share any situations or even seasons of life where it was difficult to believe that God's **presence** and **protection** is with you.

III. GRACE FOR PEOPLE IN PROCESS: PLACE

- ▶ After Jacob woke up, what was Jacob convinced of (VS.16-17)? How does that reveal what we all long for? (Read Psalm 84:10 for more discussion)
- ▶ Discussion the promise and its implications made to Nathaniel (and you) in John 1:51.
- ▶ If Jesus truly came down to us as Emmanuel, "God with us," and went to the cross for you, how should it give you assurance of God's **presence**, **protection**, and **place**?

What is one main take-away you want to apply in your life this week?

We sometimes meet with God where we little though of meeting with him. He is where we didn't to think he had been, is found where we asked not for him. No place excludes divine visits; wherever we are, in the city or in the desert, in the house or in the field, in the shop or in the street.

— Matthew Henry

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