

What does Worship do for us?

- ***A Place to Remember***
- ***A Place to Surrender***
- ***A Place to Begin Again***

Life Group / Reflection Questions

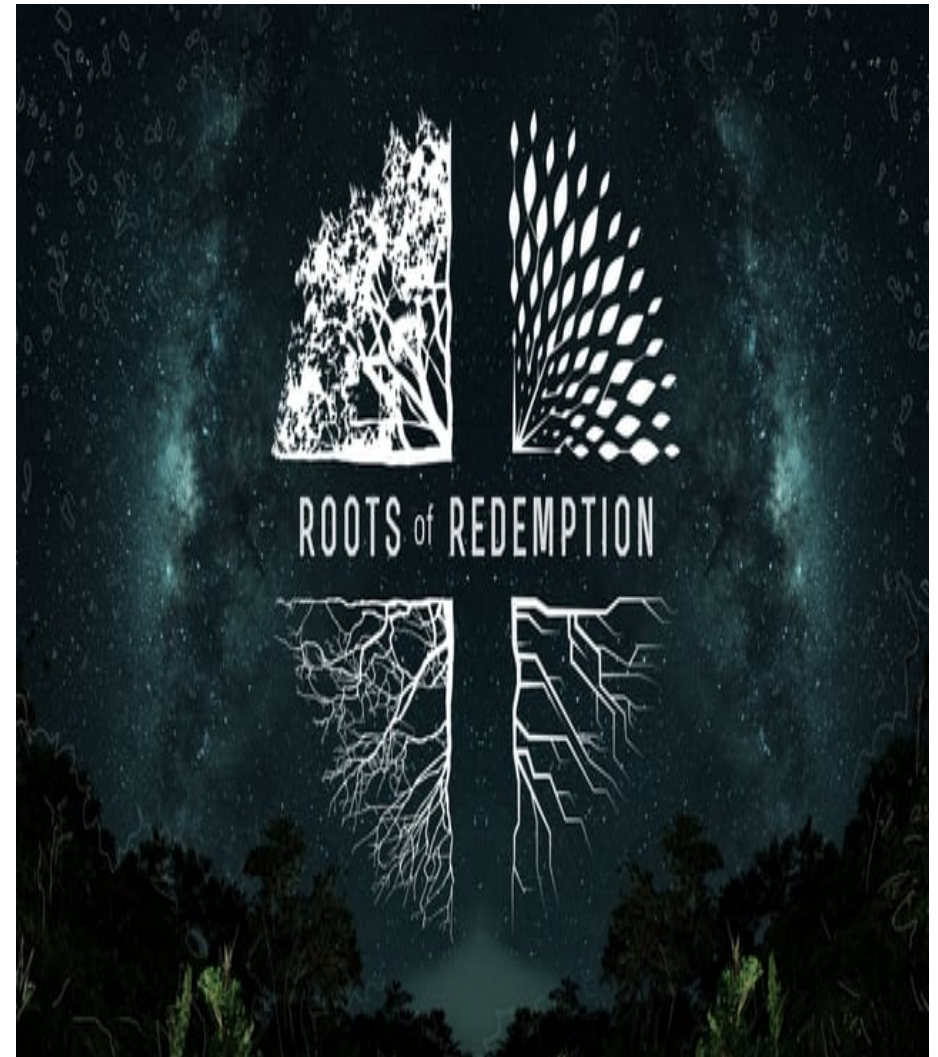
As we take a step into Jacob's story we find Jacob on a journey to redemption. This week we discovered the truth that all of us are on a journey of God redeeming us. Along our journey of redemption we discover that God gives us 3 gifts.

Ice Breaker:

- ***What was your most recent journey? Did you face any challenges / blessings along the way?***
- ***How has your life been a journey?***

Read Genesis 28

- ***What does God bring to your mind from this passage of scripture? What stands out? What questions do you have about the text?***
- ***How does Jacob's ladder dream compare to the ladder illustration seen in the tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-4) and Jesus as the Ladder (John 1:51)***
- ***What would it look like for you to live fully aware of God's presence in every moment of your life? What would change about the way you live life?***
- ***God the father has given us the promise of His presence, His protection, and His blessings? How have you seen these promises fulfilled in your life?***
- ***God gave Jacob a place of worship. Do you have a place of worship? Why is worship of God a gift? What does worship do for us?***
- ***What is one thing you will place into action as a result of what God has taught you this week?***



Sunday November 1st, 2015
"A Stone Pillow & A Ladder to Heaven"
Week #2
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Roots of Redemption: Week #2

“A Stone Pillow & A Ladder to Heaven

Genesis 28:1-22

Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and directed him, “You must not take a wife from the Canaanite women. ²Arise, go to Paddan-aram to the house of Bethuel your mother’s father, and take as your wife from there one of the daughters of Laban your mother’s brother. ³God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples. ⁴May he give the blessing of Abraham to you and to your offspring with you, that you may take possession of the land of your sojournings that God gave to Abraham!” ⁵Thus Isaac sent Jacob away. And he went to Paddan-aram, to Laban, the son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob’s and Esau’s mother.

⁶Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan-aram to take a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he directed him, “You must not take a wife from the Canaanite women,” ⁷and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and gone to Paddan-aram. ⁸So when Esau saw that the Canaanite women did not please Isaac his father, ⁹Esau went to Ishmael and took as his wife, besides the wives he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham’s son, the sister of Nebaioth.

¹⁰Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep.

¹²And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!

God Gives Jacob a New Dream

- **Genesis 11: 1- 4**
- **Genesis 28:12**
- **John 1:51** “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

➤ **God has given us a new dream of Heaven on Earth**

¹³And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

God Gives Jacob an Old Promise

3 Promises God our Father has given us

- **God Promises to give us his Presence**
 - Hebrews 11:5,
- **God Promises to Protect us**
 - Psalm 121:7-8
- **God Promises to Pour out his blessings into our lives**
 - Psalms 37:25-26, Ephesians 1:3

¹⁶Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.” ¹⁷And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

God Gives Jacob a Place of Worship

¹⁸So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹He called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. ²⁰Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, ²¹so that I come again to my father’s house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, ²²and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God’s house. And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you.”