

GROWING IN FAITH



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And he dreamed there was a ladder set up there on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him 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 and your 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. All the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that 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."

Genesis 28:12-15

GOING DEEPER

The story of Jacob's ladder is really the story of Jacobs conversion..

How is this also our story?

After stealing Esau's blessing Jacob has to flee and ends up with his Uncle Laban and family he has never seen.

Remember a time when in the midst of difficult circumstances you have experienced a new beginning that became a blessing.

In Chapter 28 God promises to always be with Jacob.

How does Jacob's connecting with Laban's family show that God is fulfilling His promise?

Laban deals deceitfully with Jacob by substituting Leah for Jacob's bride.

Have you ever felt angry and hurt when someone dealt deceitfully with you especially if it was family or someone you loved? How did you react?