



GOD'S IMAGE

Becoming who God has created you to be,
as He meets you where you are.

4-week devotional on the book of Genesis | Part 9

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God wants to meet you where you are.

Over the past four weeks in Genesis 24-27, we learned God is faithful even in life's transitions and family struggles. He provides for Abraham, guides Rebekah's marriage, and works through Jacob and Esau's story.

Our main takeaway? God's plan always prevails, but will we Trust His plan and remember that He is orchestrating all things for His purposes and your good? Will our actions show that we trust Him or will we try to orchestrate it all on our own?

The best part is that we don't have to walk this life alone, or even make decisions alone. God will meet us where we are if we seek Him first.

Now we move into Genesis 28-31 which reveals how God's presence, provision, and faithfulness remain constant as Jacob begins to grow in his relationship with Him.

Week One

God is not distant. He is actively reaching toward His people.

Read the entirety of Genesis 28: 1-22. Highlight Genesis 28:15 and write down what stands out to you.

DON'T FORGET

We encourage you to research the definitions of words that stand out to you, discover commentary from biblical scholars and seek guidance from your sisters within our Fearless Community.

Week One

Read and discuss with your community:

Reflect back on Genesis 28. In this chapter we watch Jacob flee from his brother Esau when he stops to sleep in the wilderness. During the night he dreams of a ladder reaching from earth to heaven with angels ascending and descending. God stands above the ladder and reaffirms the covenant promises given to Abraham and Isaac.

- When have you experienced God meeting you in an unexpected season of life?

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Hebrew word study: סֹלֶם (Sulam)
Meaning: Ladder or stairway

The ladder in Jacob’s dream symbolizes the connection between heaven and earth and God’s active involvement with His people.

- Just as God faithfully guided the servant, He remains trustworthy in guiding our steps today.

Where is God calling you to trust the path He has for you? What is the next step He wants you to take?

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Week One

Read and discuss with your community:

- Read John 1:51 and write it below:

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This verse identifies Jesus as the bridge between heaven and earth, referencing *Jacob's ladder* from Genesis 28. It shows that in Genesis (Old Testament) Jesus was to come to be the bridge. Jesus is the ultimate mediator, acting as the ladder that connects heaven with humanity.

- We see the need for Jesus and the creation of Jesus in the beginning of the Bible. Jesus is present in Genesis as the Creator and pre-existent Son of God. Look up the following verses to read for yourself:

Genesis 1:1, 1:26, and 3:15.

GOOD NEWS:

Sister, God sees every step of your journey. Even when life feels uncertain, He is present and guiding you. **Just as He met Jacob in the wilderness, He meets you right where you are.**

- What "Bethel moments" have helped strengthen your faith?

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TAKE HEART

Sister, Bridges have a purpose. They have to be crossed. But they cannot be crossed if there are barriers blocking the path. We all have barriers in our lives that past pain has created. Whether it's living in survival mode, or not choosing to move forward in faith because "you have to look out for yourself."

The good news? You don't have to look out for yourself because God already did. He created the pathway to heaven but wants you to experience that same peace, power and presence on this side of heaven.

Since the beginning of time, God had you in mind. He created you in His perfect image, but knew you couldn't fulfill the purpose He had for you on your own. So what did He do? He's a faithful God and gave you a mediator between heaven and earth. His name is Jesus.

Food for thought:

How can God's faithfulness in the Old Testament AND New Testament, encourage you in this season today? What bridge do you need to cross? What barrier is blocking you from crossing the "bridge? Write it below.

LET THIS BE YOUR PRAYER

Lord, when I get in my own way, reveal it to me. Help me run to you to remove the barrier. Help me cross the bridge to fulfill the purpose you have for me here, in this very moment. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Week Two

One-on-one time with God:

Sister, this is your time:

Over the course of this next week, God wants you to reflect on how Biblical love is demonstrated through perseverance and dedication. We pray you're open to ask God your honest questions and watch how He shows up!

- Read Genesis 29:1-22 and write down what stands out to you.

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Jacob agrees to work seven years to marry Rachel, yet gets deceived and marries Leah instead. Deception comes full circle! Jacob, who once deceived his father, now experiences deception himself. Yet even through difficult circumstances, God's plan does not stop by man's control. He continues to build the family through which His promises will unfold.

- How has "life" worked out for you when it felt the complete opposite? When you first imagined a different outcome? How did God show up for you?

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Read Genesis 29:20 again and write it below:

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Week Two

One-on-one time with God:

Remember:

While Jacob served another 7 years for Rachel, it only felt like DAYS because the reward outweighed the work. When we live out faithfulness (self discipline), we bear the fruit of our hardwork. When you can't see the outcome, but you move forward in God's will, you can trust the best is yet to come.

- How do you respond when life does not go according to your expectations?

- What does Jacob's perseverance teach you about commitment?

- Read Romans 8:28 and write it below.

Week Two

One-on-one time with God:

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

Hebrew Word Study: אָהַב (Ahav) Love

This Hebrew word describes deep love and devotion. It reflects commitment and sacrifice, not just emotion.

- Reflecting on Romans 8:28, we're reminded this verse applies to those who love God. Ahav (love) shows us that it's shown through devotion and commitment. How can you show God that love and devotion right where you are today?

WHERE IS YOUR HEART TODAY?

Sister, we get it. It's really hard to trust God when you are the one who makes decisions in your life. We think we know what's best because of immediate gratification. We believe the immediate result of our actions is what's best, but there is a reason why patience is a virtue.

Where might God be working behind the scenes in your life?

Week Two

One-on-one time with God:

REFLECT BELOW

- Read Psalm 27:14 and write it below. How can you wait well?

TAKE HEART

Sister, you may be or have faced seasons that feel unfair or confusing, but God has not forgotten you. He is working through every situation, even the ones you did not choose. Lament your heart to God and your sisters today. We care about you. Write your thoughts below:

LET THIS BE YOUR PRAYER

Lord, help me trust You even when my plans do not unfold the way I expected. Give me patience and faith to believe that You are working in every situation. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Week Three

He remembers you.

Read and discuss with your community:

- Read and reflect on Genesis 30:1-43 and write down what stands out to you.

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- What does this chapter teach you about God working through imperfect situations?

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TALKING WITH GOD

- **The Hebrew word to focus on this week is: בָּרַךְ (Barak)**
To bless

The word barak describes God's favor, provision, and goodness toward His people.

Despite jealousy, rivalry, and complicated relationships, God continued to bless Jacob's family and increase his livestock. How have you seen God bless you, despite your failures?

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Week Three

SISTER, WE NEED TO REFLECT:

This chapter reminds us that God's plans are not limited by imperfect circumstances or human weakness. His purposes continue to unfold even when life feels chaotic.

- Read and reflect over James 1:17. Write it below:

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- Read Psalm 136:23 and write it below:

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- All blessings ultimately come from God, and He remains faithful to provide according to His will. How can you trust God's timing when answers to prayer feel delayed?

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Week Three

REMEMBER

When you feel forgotten about, God remembers you. When you feel alone, God is with you. God wants to bless you! He sees your prayers and your struggles. Even when answers feel delayed, He has not forgotten you. His timing and blessings are always purposeful.

TAKE HEART

God's blessings are not dependent on perfect situations. In fact...He works through imperfect ones. Just as he did for Jacob and Rachel, He can do the same for you. The question is, will you be faithful to His call?

WRITE YOUR PRAYER TO GOD:

Week Four

One-on-one time with God:

Sister, this is your time:

When God calls you into a new season, you can trust that He will guide and protect you. The same God who watched over Jacob is watching over your life today. Discover how through this weeks readings in Genesis 31.

- Read Genesis 31:1-55 and write down what stands out to you.

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- After many years serving Laban, God tells Jacob it is time to return home. Jacob gathers his family and leaves. What might God be asking you to step away from or move toward?

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- **Hebrew Word Study for this week is מִצְפָּה (Mizpah)**

Mizpah means: Watchtower or place of watching.

God is the ultimate witness and protector over our lives and relationships.

Week Four

One-on-one time with God:

- How does knowing God watches over your life bring you peace?

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- Read and reflect over Hebrews 13:5. Write it below:

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GOOD NEWS

God will never leave you nor forsake you! That's a promise. No matter what season you're heading into, whether it is familiar territory or a new season, you're not walking it alone. When God calls you into a new season, you can trust that He will guide and protect you. The same God who watched over Jacob is watching over your life today.

What can you learn from the story of Jacob and Laban? How can you apply it to your life today?

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Week Four

One-on-one time with God:

- Read and reflect over Genesis 31:13. Why do you think God brought up “I am the God of Bethel” before his command?
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- When God calls you to do something through His Word and/or speaking to your heart, how can you remember His faithfulness as the God of Bethel?
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TAKE HEART

Sometimes God calls us into a new season after a long period of waiting, hard work, or difficult relationships. Like Jacob leaving Laban’s household, stepping forward can feel uncertain or even risky. Yet this passage reminds us that when God leads us, He also goes before us.

Just as God protected Jacob and intervened on his behalf, He is watching over your life too. You may not see every detail of how He is working, but you can trust that He is guiding your steps, setting boundaries where needed, and preparing the path ahead



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