

SERMON NOTES - 8.11.19

Sermon Series: Genesis: Act III

Sermon Title: "Jacob: The Long & Winding Road" - Genesis 25:19 - 37:1

1. The Bridge On The Road: Isaac (Genesis 25:12 - 26:35)

"So Isaac settled in Gerar. When the men of the place asked him about his wife, he said, 'She is my sister,' for he feared to say, 'My wife', thinking, 'lest the men of the place should kill me because of Rebekah,' because she was attractive in appearance."

- Genesis 26:6-7

2. The Bend In The Road: Jacob & Esau (Genesis 25:19-28)

"And Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren. And the Lord granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived. The children struggled together within her, and she said, 'If it is thus, why is this happening to me?'"

- Genesis 25:21-23

3. The Encounter On The Road: Jacob & God (Genesis 28:10-22)

"And 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! And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And 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 your offspring. 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, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Behold I am with you and I 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 promised you. Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said 'Surely the Lord is in this place and I did not know it.' And 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.'"

- Genesis 28:12-17

"I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

- John 1:51

"Then 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, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, and 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.'"

- Genesis 28:20-28