

JACOB RUNS

In Genesis 31 we see Christ moving, changing, and growing Jacob and his family, while Laban continues to seek only his own selfishness. The inevitable happens when Jacob and his family move away from the abusive Laban. God uses the last 20 years of suffering to produce great character and faith in Jacob, just like He uses the hardships in our life to mold us into the people He made us to be. It is often through times of suffering that our faith is restored and our hope renewed. Through our tough life experiences the goal of scripture is that we should be drawn to repentance because we understand that God is good. Our goal is not to have our problems disappear, but to be more like Christ. We give thanks to God and repent of sin because Jesus forgives, Jesus restores, and Jesus heals.

DISCUSSION

What are your “go to” excuses when you don’t want to do something?
What are some of the gods you worship that can be stolen?

EXPLANATION

Have you ever sat down with your family and defined the terms of the relationship? How did that go?

APPLICATION

Read Romans 5:3-5.
When was a time that suffering built your character?
How does suffering lead to hope?
How does suffering lead to repentance?

MISSION

At your work, do you think you have kept a good witness?
How does living as a people of hope show the love of Christ to others?

HOMEWORK FOR NEXT WEEK

Read Genesis 32:1-12 and ask the following Questions:
When was the first time you remember reaching out to God?
When do you think was the first time God reached out to you?



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- 2 Corinthians 7:10
- Genesis 31:1-55
- Ephesians 5:22
- Proverbs 27:19
- Romans 1:25
- Romans 5:3-5
- Proverbs 11:2
- Romans 5:3-5

2 Corinthians 7:10 “For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gospel Class
Starts January 20th

Newcomer Party
February 1st

MOE Go Kart Racing
February 16th



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