



"The Stairway of Grace"

Genesis 28:10-22

When God went looking for a man to carry on His mission, the pickings were slim. *Gen. 28:10,11*

- Jacob was a character with a dismal past who seemed unlikely to be used by God.
- A man on the run - Pushed way out of his comfort zone - Uncertain about his future.

Amazing Grace: Jacob wasn't looking for it or deserving of it, but God came looking. *28:12,13*

- No matter your story - God still has a purpose - He wants to engage you in His mission.

Each element of God's blessing targeted an immediate need Jacob was experiencing. *28:13-15*

- God addressed Jacob's poverty - His dishonor - His fear of an unknown future.
- *"I am with you"* - The "Stairway" would forever be Jacob's everyday reality.

Jacob's realization of God's immediate presence had a profound effect on him. *Gen. 28:16-19*

- *"I did not know it"* - It can be tough to believe in God's presence when under duress.
- God wants to flood every compartment of your life with His *"awesome"* presence.
- As the recipient of God's intervention, Jacob couldn't help but honor and worship Him.

Jacob's vow to God: A broken man trying to wrap his mind around God's grace. *Gen. 28:20-22*

- We're all Jacobs - God doesn't have to look our way - He does - Declare Him your God.

Further Study and Pondering:

1. Do you see yourself as someone likely to be used by God? Why or why not? Name at least 5 Bible characters who God used in a significant way in spite of their past failures.
2. Why do you think God chooses to use imperfect people? (1 Corinthians 4:5-7)
3. Tell of a time that God's amazing grace invaded your life and caught you by surprise.
4. Further study on God's grace-driven presence: (Ex. 33:12-23; Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Josh. 1:1-9; Psalm 94:14; Matthew 28:18-20; John 14:15-18; Ephesians 3:12; Hebrews 13:5-6; Revelation 3:11-13)
5. Prayerfully identify areas of your life in which you need to see and embrace God's "Stairway"/His presence. God is there. Acknowledge Him & trust Him for your next step.
6. Action Step: Ask God to help you deliver His "Stairway of Grace" to someone this week.

"Always the Stairway! - Always the Angels! - Always God!"