



WHO IS JACOB?

Hypocrite *hypokritēs* –was used to denote an actor, one who performed behind a mask. Thus the basic connotation of “hypocrisy” involved pretense or insincerity. Putting forward an outward appearance that does not comport with one’s true self. (Tyndale Bible Dictionary)

PRINCIPLE for TRANSFORMATION

Transformation is the removal of our masks

WHAT'S IN A DREAM?

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. ¹¹ When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. ¹² He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ There above it stood the LORD, and he said: “I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. ¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. ¹⁵ I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

Genesis 28:10-15

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NOTES - The icons below may be helpful as you take notes on the outline.



MISSING THE POINT

When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it.” ¹⁷ He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.” ¹⁸ Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

Genesis 28:16-19

A MOUNTAIN TOP EXPERIENCE

Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear ²¹ so that I return safely to my father’s house, then the LORD will be my God ²² and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God’s house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth.”

Genesis 28:20-22

- o It is Short-Sighted
- o It is Self-Centered
- o It is Superficial
- o It is Conditional
- o It is Controlling
- o It is External

PRINCIPLE for TRANSFORMATION

*This response won’t remove our mask.
Jacob’s trouble and struggle is just beginning,
but God has only begun to work.*

The Rope

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:2-4

NEXT STEPS

- o Learn Jacob’s Story — Read Genesis 12 - 50
- o Learn Your Story — Recommended Readings
 - Till We Have Faces* by CS Lewis
 - To Be Told: Know Your Story, Shape Your Future* by Dan B. Allendar
 - Boundaries* by Henry Cloud
 - Breaking Free* by Beth Moore
 - The Gift of Being Yourself* by David Benner
 - Good & Beautiful God* by James Bryan Smith
- o Share Your Story — Groups
- o Enter Jesus’ Story

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