

WHEN CLARITY IS NEEDED



Genesis 32:1-12

Sermon by Pastor Jason

Icebreaker:

Can you recall a time in your life where you had to make a major decision - did you know the Lord then? how did you go about seeking clarity about what you should do? Looking back now, how did God use that in your life?

Application:

1. We were reminded that, like the Lord's Prayer, we always need to start all things with reverence towards God. Why is this important? What does it do to our approach or posture as we come to God? Do you find that you practice this regularly? Why or why not?

2. It was stated in the sermon that we have “a lineage of faith” - from Adam, to Abraham... to Jesus all the way then to you. Can you recall people in your life who were instrumental in your faith and you coming to a saving knowledge of Jesus? Share and consider reaching out this week to thank them.

3. The word “humble” is used over 120 times in Scripture, do you know what this should look like in your life? Do you know what it SHOULDN'T look like? Since humility is a choice, how can you choose it more and more in your life? What's one thing you can do differently this week?

4. An exercise in humility shared was to remember three days in your life:

A. B-day - what was your life like BEFORE you met Jesus

B. C-day - when was your CONVERSION - when you were born again

C. D-day - when God delivered you and worked something out for your good (you should have multiple of these)

How does thinking and recounting this bring humility to you?

5. We were encouraged to share our fears in three specific ways - which one do you need to work on?



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- A. To the Lord - be raw and real (Matt. 11:28) the Lord is with you when you are afraid!
- B. To my people - to be supported (Gal. 6:2) your people know how to encourage you!
- C. To my church - to be built up (1. Cor. 12:26) your church family will pray for you!

6. Jacob in this passage spoke to God about the promises that God had made to him - reminding God - you made this promise, you made that promise. For you today, what are the promises God has made to you that you need to be reminded of or and lay claim to? What's going on in your life where you need a promise from God to answer that?

7. Take some time to find a Scripture that you want to remind yourself of - write it down, highlight it in your Bible, put it on your phone screensaver, whatever you need to do to remind yourself of that promise of God on your life. Meditate on that this week / this season. Share the Scripture and why.

Lastly, let's collectively continue to pray for Pastor Jason and Terri as they move to plant a new church in the Arlington Heights area. Take time as a group to pray for them, that God would give the planting team faith as they cling to all His promises - that God would build His church for His glory! Let's Love God, Love people, Make Disciples for the glory of God!

