Jacob - The Dreamer (Genesis 27:41 - 28:22)

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Introduction

- What are we going to see in Jacob's life this morning?
- What does Esau want to do in 27:41?
- What does Rebekah tell Jacob to do in 27:42-45?
- What does she say to Isaac in 27:46?
- What is encouraging about Isaac's words in 28:1-4?
- Why is 28:5 poignant?
- What further mistake does Esau make in 28:6-9?

i The Lord's kindness to Jacob (28:10-15)

- What happens to Jacob in 28:10-12?
- What does God promise Jacob in 28:13-15?
- Who takes the initiative here?
- Which New Testament passage shows that it is the same with us?
- What does the Lord not do in these verses?
- What does he do?
- Is he overlooking Jacob's sin?
- What does this have to teach us about how we should view ourselves as Christians?

- What are some of the things the New Testament says about us as new creations in Christ?
- Why does it matter how we think of ourselves?
- What does this have to teach us about the way we share the gospel with others?
- Why must we talk about sin when we share the gospel?
- What else can we share, though?
- What do you need to do if you are not a Christian?

ii Jacob's response to the Lord (v16-22)

- How would you describe Jacob's response to the dream in 18:16-17?
- What does this lead to him doing in 18:18-19?
- Which New Testament passage teaches that there are no special houses of God now?
- What is the house of God now, then?
- What happens if you lose a sense of awe and wonder at God's presence?
- What should you do before you next have a guiet time or come to church?
- What is the second part of Jacob's response in 18:20-22?
- If you have consecrated yourself to the Lord, how is your commitment now?
- · What do you need to do if your commitment has slipped?