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**ROOTS**  
*A Study in Genesis*



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**LESSON 19 GENESIS 32- 33**

1. What from last week's study on the **Genesis 30:25-31:55** has spurred you on, and how has God **ROOTED** that verse, insight or truth in your heart?
  
2. Pray and ask God to give you a higher view of Him as you read **Genesis 32-33** where Jacob has an encounter with God and reconciles with his brother Esau.
  
3. In **V1-5** of **Genesis 32**, how does Jacob refer to himself in his message to Esau and how is the messenger to address Esau? Describe Jacob's tone in light of **Genesis 27:41-44**?
  
4. Summarize Jacob's plan and what motivated him in **V6-21**. What do you find interesting about this?
  
5. a) Jacob's prayer in **V9-12** is a beautiful example of an eternally weighted prayer. What phrases in his prayer are evidence of his humility before God and his utter dependence on God?  
  
b) Jacob stood on the promises of God in this prayer. Find a promise of God that you can stand on as you appeal to Him about a circumstance that is troubling you. Complete this prayer as you come before God with a contrite heart and surrender the circumstance to Him:  
  
Lord, you have said in your Word that \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
I cling to Your promise and trust in Your kindness and faithfulness now as I face \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  
6. Describe Jacob's supernatural encounter in **V22-32**.

7. a) What did Jacob demand in **V26b**, and what did he receive in **V28-30**? Do you think this powerful encounter was a turning point in Jacob's spiritual life? Explain.
- b) Reflect on a time when have you experienced a turning point in your spiritual life and write some thoughts about it.
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8. a) Turning to **Genesis 33:1-16**, what about this meeting of Jacob and Esau warms your heart and what surprises you (or not) about how Jacob divided up the group?
- b) What phrase is repeated in the passage (**V8,10,15**) that shows Jacob's hope for reconciliation and a change in their old patterns of interaction? In your opinion, was that hope realized?
- c) Focusing on **V10-11**, how might Jacob's encounter with God have prepared him for this meeting with his brother?
9. According to **V18-20**, what did Jacob do when he arrived in the city of Shechem in the Promised Land? Recall God's original promise in **Genesis 12:6-7**. Why is Jacob's arrival an important moment in his pilgrimage?
10. a) As you think about these chapters of Jacob's life, what truth or insight do you desire to take **ROOT** in you and why?

- b) Where do you see the need for reconciliation in your own life (family/work/community)? What have you learned from Jacob that inspires you to take steps toward reconciliation, or what have you seen Jacob do that you do not want to repeat?
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**“GOSPEL GLIMPSES”:** God gave Jacob and Esau unexpected and undeserved reconciliation in their relationship. In the same way, He reconciled us to Himself through Jesus.

1. How do the following verses deepen your understanding of the meaning and cost of our reconciliation to God through Jesus:

- **2 Corinthians 5:18-21**

- **Ephesians 2:11-16**

- **Colossians 1:21-22**

2. Read **Romans 8:1-4**. Put in your own words how God sees those who have been reconciled by Jesus.

3. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **Colossians 1:21-22 or Genesis 32:10a**

- b) Consider your answers to question 10 and pray with a renewed sense of boldness as Jacob did.

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**PRAYER REQUEST**