

THE STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN
(The Gospel According to Jacob- Part 2)

JACOB'S ENCOUNTER WITH GOD

Genesis 28

God's _____ to Jacob

Genesis 28:13-15

Jacob's " _____ " with God

Genesis 28:20-22

PRINCIPLES OF GOD'S BLESSINGS:

Some of God's Promises Are " _____ "

Our Attitude/Actions Can Make a Difference in the _____ of God's Blessings:

We can make the easy way _____ (_____)

We can make the hard way _____ (_____)

TAKE-AWAYS:

The Stairway to Heaven Has a Name: _____.

The Key is Not Negotiation But _____.

Life Group Questions for the Week of March 10, 2019

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

2. On Sunday we talked about how our attitude/actions/will towards God's word/commands/instructions often slows down God's work/blessing in our lives. Have you ever seen this to be true in your own life? If so, explain what happened.

3. Jacob and Job had radically different responses to God. One made the easy way harder and the other the hard way easier. Can you think of anyone you know who has made the easy way harder? How about someone who has made the hard way easier? Can you think of anything you're doing that could be making the easy way harder for you?

4. After fleeing from home to save his life, Jacob found himself alone, broke, and undoubtedly feeling abandoned by God. God showed up in a dream and revealed his plan, provision, and protection for him. At times we can also begin to think or feel that God isn't there for us or he isn't coming through as he promised.

How does 2 Kings 6:8-17 encourage you to remember that God is active in these kinds of situations beyond what you know?

Have you ever had a situation similar to the servant where you sensed God's presence or purpose being carried out far beyond what you initially thought?

How could Philippians 1:3-6 build your confidence and hope as a follower of Christ?

5. We heard this Sunday how God is faithful to keep his promises. What is also true is that some of God's promises come with an "if" clause, meaning there is something we need to do in order to experience the promise. In the following passages, identify the promise God is making and what our responsibility is to see the promise fulfilled:

John 15:5-8; 1 John 1:6-10; Matthew 11:28-30

Which of these responsibilities is the hardest for you to do?

7. Is there a promise of God that you are finding difficult to believe God will be faithful to fulfill?