

Jacob Pt. 3: Responding to the Grappler

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**Genesis 28** 

## **Community Group Questions**

- 1. ICE BREAKER: "Unreasonable" implies someone or something that does not make sense. Share a time when God asked you to respond unreasonably to an enemy, someone who hurt you, or someone who did not deserve it.
- 2. Describe how each person responded to Jacob's deceit Isaac, Rebekah, Esau, God.
  - 1. Rebekah's Response: 27:42-46
  - 2. Isaac's Response: 28:1-5
  - 3. Esau's Response: 28:6-9
  - 4. God's Response: 28: 13-17
  - 5. Who do you most relate to & why?
- 3. If you had the opportunity to sit down with Jacob and counsel him in the wilderness at Bethel (Genesis 28:11), what would you say to him?
  - 1. What should his next steps be with Isaac, Rebekah, Esau, and God?
  - 2. Does he deserve encouragement or rebuke? Both?
  - 3. What was unreasonable about how God spoke to Jacob that night? (Genesis 28:13-14)
- 4. Is there something unreasonable God is asking you to do for someone right now?
- 5. What is one thing God is asking you to stop doing, start doing, and/or keep doing?
- 6. How did God use this message to teach, train, challenge, encourage, or equip you?

**VCB Prayer Focus:** Pray for wisdom as we consider growing small through 3 services, church planting, & building renovations.

**VCE Prayer Focus:** Pray for our elders as they pray and plan for our continuing church growth opportunities.