



Grace Assembly Of God

Chapter-By-Chapter Bible Reading Devotional

Scripture:	Genesis 28	Title:	God reassures and keeps His promises
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Summary of Chapter:	Esau was furious with Jacob and wanted to kill him for stealing his blessing. Jacob escaped to his uncle's hometown. During his journey, Jacob encountered God in a dream at Bethel. God reassured and reminded Jacob of his promise to Abraham.		
Key Verses (NLT):	How does it speak to me?		
<i>¹³ At the top of the stairway stood the Lord, and he said, "I am the Lord, the God of your grandfather Abraham, and the God of your father, Isaac. ... ¹⁵ What's more, I am with you, and I will protect you wherever you go. One day I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have finished giving you everything I have promised you." Genesis 28:13-15</i>	<p>During his journey, Jacob encountered God at a place called Bethel. In that dream God assured and reminded him of His promise to Abraham. Jacob probably slept in the wild and in the open instead of an inn as he had to use a stone for a pillow. This meant that he was alone and was exposed to the harsh elements of that season. Coupled with the fact that he was on the run as Esau wanted to kill him, Jacob was probably at his lowest both physically and emotionally. It was at this time that God promised to protect and keep him safe.</p> <p>This reminds me of a promise I made to my mom when we shifted house at the end of last year. She wanted my brothers and my help in setting up a Facebook account. It was only months later when I saw her asking for help from someone else that I questioned her on why she didn't ask me. It was then that she told me she did, but it was something that I really could not remember!</p> <p>While we humans do fail in our promises, God doesn't. In fact, He came to reassure and reminded Jacob of the promise He made to Abraham. Wow! I don't think many of us will go to reassure and remind others of the promises we made. In fact, it's more often the opposite that happens! People have to come to us to remind us of what we have promised.</p> <p>Perhaps some of us here are feeling down both physically and emotionally. Yet, at this time I do hope that this story of Jacob encourages us all. Isn't it amazing to know that we have a God that is able to reassure us and keep His promises?</p>		
APPLICATION QUESTIONS:			
Adult:	What are some of the difficulties that you are going through now? Recall some of the promises that God made regarding your situation. How can they reassure and help you?		
Youth:	Can you remember at least 10 different promises God made in the Bible? Research into their context and on the situations that those promises can help you.		
Child:	Share a fear you have. Let's listen to this song as a family, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OGZKD8poWGo		
P R A Y E R :			
Praying Scripture:	Dear heavenly Father, I thank You for being a God who reassures and keeps His promises. I pray for _____ (a difficult situation that you faced recently) and trust that You will see me through this situation and keep me safe.		
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (something that God has guided us in for the past week)		
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (think of a person who is going through a difficult situation now)		
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (can add one name per day). In Jesus Name I/we pray. Amen.		

