



Grace Assembly Of God

Chapter-By-Chapter Bible Reading Devotional

Scripture:	Genesis 31	Title:	"Let Go, and Let God"
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Summary of Chapter:	The chapter started with Laban's sons envying Jacob, and the relationship between Laban and Jacob started to take a horrible turn. The Lord told Jacob to return home, and Jacob took off without informing Laban. When Laban heard the news, he pursued Jacob, but the Lord visited him in the dream and told him to speak neither good nor bad to Jacob. When Laban caught up with Jacob, they made a covenant to not do harm to each other with God as their witness.		
Key Verses	How does it speak to me?		
<i>²⁹ I could destroy you, but the God of your father appeared to me last night and warned me, 'Leave Jacob alone!'</i>	<p>To Laban, the deceit from Jacob, the secret departure of Jacob's household and the missing household gods were nothing but humiliation. Laban had the power and the resources to do harm to Jacob, but he chose not to do so because God says to "Leave Jacob alone".</p> <p>I am not sure if I will be willing to do the same if I am faced with a situation when I feel that there is no wrong on my part, or if I feel that I am entitled to a just and fair outcome. And to think about it, such situations are so common, at home, at work, or even with our friends.</p> <p>A few years ago, I got into an extremely unpleasant incident with my former colleague. I was blamed and abused. I was all ready to "go to war" with her. Then the Holy Spirit prompted me with the word 'Reconcile'. I was perplexed, I was reluctant. And if that is not hard enough, the morning right before I stepped into the meeting room, I was prompted to apologise to her. So, what do you think I did? Yes, I apologized. Totally surprised her, and her attitude towards me changed since.</p> <p>Let's not forget that our God is a God of reconciliation - This should be our motivation as we handle conflicts. Whatever personal agenda we have, we need to "let Go, and let God"</p>		
APPLICATION QUESTIONS:			
Adult:	Do you remember a time when you feel unjust or your opinions and comments are being taken out of context? How do you feel? What is stopping you from pursuing God's agenda?		
Youth:	Remember the time when you felt emotional when you were blamed and there was unfair treatment to you. If the same incident happens again, what will you do differently?		
Child:	Share a time when you went to bed crying, feeling angry and/or did not want to apologise. Just like how your parents apologise for the wrongs they do, we can learn from them. Learning to cherish a relationship is a good response to God's grace and love to us. Pray for the person you were angry with and ask the Lord to teach you to forgive and not hold on to your own anger.		
PRAYER :			
Praying Scripture:	Dear Lord, You know us better than we know ourselves. In all circumstances, do not let our emotions or personal agenda blind us from your agenda. Instead, help us to always choose to pursue what pleases you. Teach us to let go of the things that we are not in charge of, but to let you be the God in our lives, so that we could reflect Jesus in our speech, our action and our response. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.		
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food they ate, places they went, prayer that is answered, etc)		
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)		
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (can add one name per day). In Jesus Name I pray. Amen.		