



Grace Assembly Of God

## Chapter-By-Chapter Bible Reading Devotional

Scripture:	<b>Genesis 35</b>	Title:	<b>Lead our family to worship God</b>
Author:	<b>Ps Li Cuixian</b>		
Summary of Chapter:	This chapter is about how Jacob's final move to Bethel; his worship at El-Bethel; and how he led his family to give up all their idols and worship only God.		
<b>Key Verses (NLT):</b>	<b>How does it speak to me?</b>		
<i><sup>1</sup> Then God said to Jacob, "Get ready and move to Bethel and settle there. Build an altar there to the God..." <sup>2</sup> So Jacob told everyone in his household, "Get rid of all your pagan idols, purify yourselves, and put on clean clothing." <sup>3</sup> We are now going to Bethel, where I will build an altar to the God</i>	<p>Despite the horrible thing that the sons of Jacob did in chapter 34, God called Jacob to move to Bethel. So Jacob led and called his household to repent, and led them to Bethel, which means House of God. Jacob built an altar &amp; called it El-Bethel, which means God of the House. Jacob moved to the "House of God" but he encountered "God of the House". He led his entire household to worship God of the House.</p> <p>I had been the only Christian in my household for many years. And I have always envied people who shared how their parents came to the Lord after many years of prayers. I had prayed too. Many people had prayed with me too. But my prayers seemed futile. I had always invited my colleagues to my parent's place for CNY. And one year when mum fractured her hip, many of them visited her and prayed for her. She was so moved that she started saying maybe she should become a Christian. One day, mum suddenly said she wanted to be baptized, but I ignored her, thinking she did not really know what the Christian faith was. I shared my dilemma with a pastor and he advised me to "Just do it".</p> <p>Finally, I arranged with the Hokkien pastor for a visit and mum personally requested the pastor to baptize her and it happened. Truly, it was a miracle. And of course, unknown to me, shortly after, her dementia set in. I thank God I was in a position to make a difference. You can make a difference in your household. Don't give up! Don't under-estimate what you are doing in the lives of those around you. Keep praying. Keep shining.</p>		
<b>APPLICATION QUESTIONS:</b>			
<b>Adult:</b>	How are you leading your household to worship the God of the house? Is there an area you need to seek God's wisdom in leading your family's worship/devotion? Is there anyone in your household you need to surrender into God's loving hands?		
<b>Youth:</b>	How are you encountering God in your family's worship/devotion? Is there an area you need to surrender to God?		
<b>Child:</b>	What do you enjoy most when doing family devotions? (Eg. worship, reading of God's word, scripture memory, prayer) If you could lead in one part of the family devotion next week, which would you choose?		
<b>PRAYER:</b>			
<b>Praying Scripture:</b>	Dear heavenly Father, thank You for the family you have given us. Thank You that we can gather to worship and pray together at home. For the rest of the family who have yet to know You, may You continue to knock on the door of their hearts.		
<b>Thanksgiving Prayer:</b>	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food they ate, places they went, prayer that is answered, etc)		
<b>Intercessory Prayer:</b>	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)		
<b>Salvation Prayer:</b>	I/We pray that my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (can add one name per day) can taste what an Almighty God you are. In Jesus Name I/we pray. Amen.		