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Program for Sunday, March 10, 2024

Please thank Katrina for leading worship music this morning!

Call to Praise: *He's Everything To Me*

How Great Is Our God

Welcome, announcements, and prayer:

- **Good morning and thank you for joining our Worship Service today!**
- **The Weekly Bible Study is this Wednesday, March 13th.** We will start on lesson #4. The series is about "Where is God in the midst of suffering?" The bible study (#4) is on the back table. These will also be emailed to those that are requesting them.
- **Thank you to those who are providing bottles & cans for recycling.** We made \$130. for the Children's Ministry on a truckload last week. You can continue bringing bottles and cans to the property (in the carport) or to the church on Sundays. Contact Gary or Lois for any questions.
- **Please pick up Connect Cards/Envelopes** in the back for offerings, prayer requests and place it in one of the offering boxes. **Please note**, for pledge card donations, please mark your gift "BF" or "Building Fund."
- **Please contact us** for any needs, suggestions, or prayer requests:
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 - Prayer requests - PrayerRequest@OurMDC.org
- **Financial update:**

Budget: \$ 9,327
Actual: \$ 9,942
Net Increase: \$ 615

Celebration of Worship: *Shepherd Of Love*

As The Deer Panteth

Create In Me A Clean Heart

Message: *Jacob: Missed it by ~that~ much*

Response / Invitation: *There Is Room At The Cross For You*

Celebration of Joy: *Victory In Jesus*

Close of Worship Service, Fellowship continues

Message Notes:

Friday Devotional: Luke 15:4 “What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?”

Jacob: He is Me?

- Remembered for failure?
 - Decisions/ Actions in
 - Marriage, business, parenting, youth?
 - Let your spouse down? Let your children down?
 - Let your guard down? Let your debt get out of control?
 - Grappling with the stigma of a
 - Divided family, broken heart, grudge holder?
- Don't have the resources to fix everything for everyone, everywhere, all the time?
- Jacob has to deal with God before he can deal with Esau.

God is the hero of this story; not Jacob.

- Abraham lies. Jacob lies and cheats. Moses murders.
- David steals and murders. Solomon marries out of the faith. Elijah is afraid.
- Kings embrace foreign religions. Esther is afraid. Peter denies.
- Paul persecutes.
- Me. When I make His story my story, my story is redeemed.

They all came to trust God for their future, and did not let their feelings about their past control them.

Esau: changed, but not transformed.

- Genesis 25:34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew
 - Ate, drank, rose, went, despised.
- When Esau sees Jacob: Esau
 - Ran, embraced, fell on his neck, kissed, wept.
- God went out ahead of Jacob and changed the heart of Esau.
- Jesus used the actions of Esau to exemplify the actions of the father of the prodigal son as told in Luke 15.

Principles and Applications:

- God can transform our hearts, our minds, our lives!
- Peace with God can open the way for peace with others.
- Our past does not rule our future, unless we let it.
- We can choose to let go, and be transformed by God.
- With faith, we can have a new purpose and a new future.
- To have that new beginning in Christ, we need to:
 - Embrace it with faith. We are a new creation!
 - Let go of the burdens of the past, with the help of God!
 - Accept the love of God. I am not crooked. **“I am Beloved.”**

- Seek and accept the forgiveness of God, on His terms. **“I am Forgiven.”**
- Keep a gratitude journal.
- God never abandons His promises.
- God deals with us before He deals with our petitions.
- God knows our needs, and God has a plan.
- Pray that we are kept from our own scheming/ tricks.
- When there is conflict in a relationship, seek to BE the blessing.
- Grace and forgiveness can bring redemptive change.

Genesis 33:16 So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir. Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built for himself a house and made booths for his livestock; therefore the place is named Succoth.

Genesis 33:17 Now Jacob came safely to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Paddan-aram, and camped before the city. He bought the piece of land where he had pitched his tent from the hand of the sons of Hamor, Shechem's father, for one hundred pieces of money. Then he erected there an altar and called it El-Elohe-Israel.

Genesis 34:1 Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to visit the daughters of the land. 2 When Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, the prince of the land, saw her, he took her and lay with her by force. 3 He was deeply attracted to Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the girl and spoke tenderly to her. 4 So Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, saying, “Get me this young girl for a wife.” 5 Now Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter; but his sons were with his livestock in the field, so Jacob kept silent until they came in. 6 Then Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him. 7 Now the sons of Jacob came in from the field when they heard it; and the men were grieved, and they were very angry because he had done a disgraceful thing in Israel by lying with Jacob's daughter, for such a thing ought not to be done.

Genesis 34:8 But Hamor spoke with them, saying, “The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter; please give her to him in marriage. 9 Intermarry with us; give your daughters to us and take our daughters for yourselves. 10 Thus you shall live with us, and the land shall be open before you; live and trade in it and acquire property in it.” 11 Shechem also said to her father and to her brothers, “If I find favor in your sight, then I will give whatever you say to me. 12 Ask me ever so much bridal payment and gift, and I will give according as you say to me; but give me the girl in marriage.”

Genesis 34:13 But Jacob's sons answered Shechem and his father Hamor with deceit, because he had defiled Dinah their sister. 14 They said to them, “We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one who is uncircumcised, for that would be a disgrace to us. 15 Only on this condition will we consent to you: if you will become like us, in that every male of you be circumcised, 16 then we will

give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters for ourselves, and we will live with you and become one people. 17 But if you will not listen to us to be circumcised, then we will take our daughter and go.”

Genesis 34:18 Now their words seemed reasonable to Hamor and Shechem, Hamor’s son. 19 The young man did not delay to do the thing, because he was delighted with Jacob’s daughter. Now he was more respected than all the household of his father. 20 So Hamor and his son Shechem came to the gate of their city and spoke to the men of their city, saying, 21 “These men are friendly with us; therefore let them live in the land and trade in it, for behold, the land is large enough for them. Let us take their daughters in marriage, and give our daughters to them. 22 Only on this condition will the men consent to us to live with us, to become one people: that every male among us be circumcised as they are circumcised. 23 Will not their livestock and their property and all their animals be ours? Only let us consent to them, and they will live with us.” 24 All who went out of the gate of his city listened to Hamor and to his son Shechem, and every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city.

Genesis 34:25 Now it came about on the third day, when they were in pain, that two of Jacob’s sons, Simeon and Levi, Dinah’s brothers, each took his sword and came upon the city unawares, and killed every male. 26 They killed Hamor and his son Shechem with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah from Shechem’s house, and went forth. 27 Jacob’s sons came upon the slain and looted the city, because they had defiled their sister. 28 They took their flocks and their herds and their donkeys, and that which was in the city and that which was in the field; 29 and they captured and looted all their wealth and all their little ones and their wives, even all that was in the houses. 30 Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, “You have brought trouble on me by making me odious among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites; and my men being few in number, they will gather together against me and attack me and I will be destroyed, I and my household.” 31 But they said, “Should he treat our sister as a harlot?”

Genesis 35:1 Then God said to Jacob, “Arise, go up to Bethel and live there, and make an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau.”

Genesis 28:20-22 Jacob makes a conditional promise to God:

- 1) If God will be with me,
 - 2) If God will keep me on my journey,
 - 3) If God will give me food,
 - 4) If God will give me garments to wear,
 - 5) If I return to my father's house in safety,
- Then the LORD will be my God.
Then I will give a tenth.

Principles and Applications:

- Before it all was wrecked, God had a plan:
 - Humans were treasured and were priceless.
 - Destined for glory.
 - Created in God's image.
 - Created for fellowship.
 - Eventually have eternal peace, love, and joy.
- Separation from wickedness was always a part of the plan.
- Separation, discipleship, training is needed before going back into the world.
- There is danger in the lie that we want to believe.
- Experiencing God does not guarantee that people will always remain faithful.
- Be careful of inherited patterns of evil.
- There are habits of evil.
- There are continuing effects of evil.
- Leave vengeance to God. Getting even is not even.
- Review God's promises to you.
- Review your promises to God.
- There is danger in the lie that we want to believe.
- Experiencing God does not guarantee that people will always remain faithful.
- What is your Shechem? Do not pitch your tent there.
- What keeps you from your Bethel?
- What distracts, seduces, lures you from your destiny?
- Get drastic. No compromising to come up a little short.
- In Christ, you are set.
 - Sin cannot destroy your salvation.
 - Sin can trip, ensnare, entangle.
 - Sin can take your joy, peace, rest.

You are not alone. God is with you! MDC wants to help. We are here for you.

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