



Mariner's **DISCOVERY Church**

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Program for Sunday, March 17, 2024

Please thank JoAnn for leading worship music this morning!

Call to Praise: *Jesus I Believe*

Egypt

Welcome, announcements, and prayer:

- **Good morning and thank you for joining our Worship Service today!**
- **PLEASE JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY THIS WED., March 20th, at 6 P.M.**
We are on lesson 4 of the series about; "Where is God in the midst of suffering?" A copy of the study is on the back table. We meet at the Green Painted Fellowship House located at 1641 Bixler Road, Discovery Bay, or ONLINE with Zoom. Please give us your E-mail Address on a Connect Envelope or contact the Church office (925-354-1096) for more information.
- **If you're interested in becoming a member of MDC or getting baptized, please contact Pastor Larry or a Board Member.**
- **Thank you to those who are providing bottles & cans for recycling.** We use the money from that for the Children's Ministry. 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:
 - Pastor Larry Quinnell - PastorLarry@OurMDC.org
 - General Info. - Info@OurMDC.org
 - Prayer requests - PrayerRequest@OurMDC.org
- Financial update through end of January; Budget: \$ 9,327
Actual: \$ 9,942
Net Increase: \$ 615

Celebration of Worship: *Reckless Love*

Defender

Message: *Jacob: Remember. Repent. Re-Do. Residue.*

Response / Invitation: *You Are So Good To Me*

Celebration of Joy: *Our God*

Close of Worship Service, Fellowship continues

Message Notes:

Friday Devotional: Colossians 3:16 Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Navigators Word Hand: Hear. Read. Study. Memorize. Meditate.

Principles and Applications:

- Genesis 34: Lust. Rape. Kidnap. Greed. Deceit. Sacrilege. Genocide. No mention of God.
- 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.

God talks to Jacob. Jacob talks to his clan.

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." 2 So Jacob **said** to his household and to all who were with him, "**Remove** the foreign gods which are among you, and **purify** yourselves and **change** your garments; 3 and let's **arise** and **go** up to Bethel, and I will **make** an altar there to God, who answered me on the day of my distress and has been with me wherever I have gone." 4 So they **gave** Jacob all the foreign gods which they had and the rings which were in their ears, and Jacob **hid** them under the oak which was near Shechem.

What just happened?

- Jacob hears from God.
 - Arise. Go. Live. Make.

- Jacob assumes spiritual headship of his family and clan, telling them God's message and specific instructions.
- Clan follows Jacob's directions.
 - Remove. Purify. Change. Arise. Go.

What does revival look like?

Revelation 2:1 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this:

2:4 But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

2:5 Therefore, **remember** from where you have fallen, and **repent**, and **do** the deeds you did at first;

If you feel you have strayed or stopped short (like Jacob, and like the church at Ephesus):

- 1) Remember.
- 2) Repent.
- 3) Re-do.

Jacob goes to Bethel, builds and altar.

35:5 As they journeyed, there was a great terror upon the cities which were around them, and they did not pursue the sons of Jacob. 6 So Jacob came to Luz (that is, Bethel), which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him. 7 Then he built an altar there, and called the place El-bethel, because there God had revealed Himself to him when he fled from his brother. 8 Now Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried below Bethel under the oak; and it was named Allon-bacuth.

God meets Jacob..., again .

35:9 Then God appeared to Jacob again when he came from Paddan-aram, and He blessed him. 10 God said to him,

"Your name is Jacob;

You shall no longer be called Jacob,

But Israel shall be your name."

So He called him Israel. 11 God also said to him,

"I am God Almighty;

Be fruitful and multiply;

A nation and a multitude of nations shall come from you,

And kings shall come from you.

12 And the land which I gave to Abraham and Isaac,

I will give to you,

And I will give the land to your descendants after you."

13 Then God went up from him at the place where He had spoken with him.

Jacob sets up a memorial stone.

Genesis 35:14 So Jacob set up a memorial stone in the place where He had spoken with him, a memorial of stone, and he poured out a drink offering on it; he also poured oil on it. 15 And Jacob named the place where God had spoken with him, Bethel.

Benjamin is born. Rachel dies.

35:16 Then they journeyed on from Bethel; but when there was still some distance to go to Ephrath, Rachel began to give birth and she suffered severe difficulties in her labor. 17 And when she was suffering severe difficulties in her labor, the midwife said to her, "Do not fear, for you have another son!" 18 And it came about, as her soul was departing (for she died), that she named him Ben-oni; but his father called him Benjamin. 19 So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem). 20 And Jacob set up a memorial stone over her grave; that is the memorial stone of Rachel's grave to this day. 21 Then Israel journeyed on and pitched his tent beyond the tower of Eder.

Reuben asserts first-born privilege. WRONG!

35:22 And it came about, while Israel was living in that land, that Reuben went and slept with his father's concubine Bilhah, and Israel heard about it.

Now there were twelve sons of Jacob— 23 the sons of Leah were Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, then Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun; 24 the sons of Rachel were Joseph and Benjamin; 25 and the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's female slave, were Dan and Naphtali; 26 and the sons of Zilpah, Leah's female slave, were Gad and Asher. These were the sons of Jacob who were born to him in Paddan-aram.

27 Jacob came to his father Isaac at Mamre of Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had resided.

28 Now the days of Isaac were 180 years. 29 Then Isaac breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people, an old man of ripe age; and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

Principles and Applications:

- Make sure that what matters really matters against the backdrop of life and death! Use an eternal perspective.
- Even when we are connected to God, we are not insulated from sorrow or hardship.
- Sometimes we have to separate from the world in order to find God.
- If you have strayed, come up short, or ignored Jesus:
 - Remember the things at first love.
 - Repent of the things that distract and divert.
 - Re-do those love things from the beginning.
- We cannot control the consequences of our bad choices: "Residue happens."
- Heart of worship is to show gratitude to God.
- Who are we in Christ? What is our identify?
 - We are a son / daughter.
 - We are a priest and king.
 - We are adopted.
 - We are an heir
 - We are a co-laborer with Christ.
- God is not done!

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

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