

“Back To The Basics! (pt. 1)” (TTMBC Small Group Deeper Dive)

Genesis 35:1-4

***Essential Question:** How can prioritizing God’s principles cause us to make Him attractive to other people?

***Aim:** Godly leaders become more impactful and influential when they continually return to the basic principles of discipline, dedication, and devotion to God.

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1. According to **Genesis 35:1**, what specific instructions did God give Jacob concerning Bethel, and what does this reveal about the importance of obeying God's direction? How does this information help us to become more impactful servant leaders?

2. In **Genesis 35:2**, Jacob commanded his household to put away foreign gods, purify themselves, and change their garments. Why were these actions necessary before returning to worship God? How does this information help us to become more impactful servant leaders?

3. Based on **Genesis 35:3**, what reasons did Jacob give for building an altar to God, and how had God demonstrated His faithfulness in Jacob's life? How does this information help us to become more impactful servant leaders?

4. According to **Genesis 35:4**, how did Jacob's family respond to his instructions, and what can we learn from their willingness to surrender their idols and distractions? How does this information help us to become more impactful servant leaders?

Introspection Questions

1. What "foreign gods," distractions, habits, or priorities might God be calling me to remove from my life so that I can return to the basics of faithful obedience and service?
2. In what area of my life do I need to revisit my commitment to God, remember His faithfulness, and lead others by setting a stronger spiritual example?