

Genesis 33

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Intro - *What are the most common New Year's Resolutions?*

Cor. 5:17 - If any man is in Christ, he is a new creation. The *old* has passed, the *new* has come.

Gen. 27:41 - Esau hated Jacob... and said to himself, "I'll soon be mourning my father's death. Then I'll kill my brother, Jacob."

Genesis 32:6 - When the messengers returned to Jacob, they said, "We went to your brother Esau, and now he's coming to meet you, and *four hundred men are with him.*"

1. Jacob didn't lift his eyes high enough.

Psalms 121:1-2 - I lift up my eyes to the mountains-- where does my help come from? My help comes from *the Lord*, the maker of heaven and earth.

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2. Jacob had a family "depth chart."

John 13:34 - Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you."

Mt. 5:43-44 - "You've heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies."

Genesis 37:4 - When Joseph's brothers saw that their father loved Joseph more than all his brothers, they hated him.

3. Jacob showed humility.

Philippians 2:3 - Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, *in humility value others above yourselves.*

Genesis 27:29 - "May nations serve you and peoples *bow down to you*. Be lord over your brothers, and may the sons of your mother *bow down to you*."

4. Jacob finally faced his problem.

5. Jacob told others about God's goodness.

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Genesis 31:40-42 - "*I worked* for you through the scorching heat of the day and through cold and sleepless nights. Yes, for twenty years *I slaved* in your house! *I worked* for fourteen years earning your two daughters, and then six more years for your flock... But, if the God of my father hadn't been with me... you would've sent me away *empty-handed*."

James 1:17 - Every good and perfect gift comes down from above, from the Father of lights.

6. Jacob sincerely tried to make things right.

7. Jacob was less than honest.

8. Jacob only partly obeyed.

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Genesis 31:13 - "I am the God of Bethel, *where* you anointed the pillar and *where* you made a vow to Me. Now arise, get out of this land, and return to the land of your family."

Stephen Cole: *Jacob was afraid of Esau, but he wasn't afraid of staying in Succoth, outside the land, or of buying property in Shechem, where his family would be morally polluted. He was afraid of the wrong things!... Jacob felt more safe in a place of partial obedience than to risk trusting the Lord by obeying completely.*

Deuteronomy 30:2 - Return to the Lord your God and obey Him with all your heart.
