



But, He doesn't just send them out alone, He promises to always be with them.

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Questions that must be pondered: What is keeping you from stepping into the promises of God? Is it fear of the unknown, doubt or unbelief? Are you not sure of whose voice you are hearing? Read Isaiah 41:13; Psalm 37:5 and John 10:27.

God has great plans for His people and He has promised great things for those who are ready to receive. And, He has promised to always be with us.

**THOUGHT TO PONDER:** *God will never send His children out to do His work without going along Himself.*

### ***I WILL KEEP YOU!!!***

*"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty." Psalm 91:1*

God knew the hardships Jacob would encounter on this road that he had never traveled on before, and therefore promised to always be there for him.

- Are you feeling a little uneasy about your new journey?
- Are you feeling all alone?

Read and discuss the following scriptures to encourage yourself and other fellow travelers: Psalm 91:1; Psalm 18:2 and Exodus 15:2.

Psalm 91:1 *"You who sit down in the High God's presence, spend the night in Shaddai's shadow, Say this: "God, you're my refuge. I trust in you and I'm safe!"* The Message Bible

### ***I WON'T LEAVE YOU!!!***

*"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Hebrews 13:5*

It was a done deal. God promised to return Jacob to the land of his fathers and He promised to not leave him until the job was complete.

God has promised to never leave us. On this exciting new journey we are on, we have a Guide for life and that Guide is the Holy Spirit. God has also given us instructions to follow as we travel this road: (1) Let your conversation be without covetousness and (2) Be content with such things as ye have. Let's explore each instruction listed in Hebrew 13:5.

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*Let Your Conversation (your lifestyle) Be Without Covetousness*

Covetousness is an intense desire to possess something (or someone) that belongs to another person. Covetousness springs from a greedy self-centeredness and an arrogant disregard of God's law (*Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary*).

Another command for believers concerned material needs: Stay away from the love of money. What does this statement mean? Should we not have money or material things? Read the following Scriptures and discuss: Matthew 6:24 and 1Timothy 6:10.

*Be Content (Christ-dependent) With Such Things As Ye Have*

Content means freedom from anxiety or worry (*Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary*). The idea of contentment comes from a Greek word that means "independence" or "self-sufficiency." Paul, however, used the word in a Christian sense to show that real satisfaction or sufficiency comes from God: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

Question that must be posed: Are you Christ-dependent or self-dependant?

Know that you can be content in every situation because of God's promise: "I AM WITH YOU - I WILL KEEP YOU - I WON'T LEAVE YOU."

**REFERENCES NOT LISTED IN THE EG LESSON**

**LIFE APPLICATION NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY**

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