## Deliverance Tabernacle Christian Center Enrichment Groups of 12(EG-12) Sunday, April 21, 28 and May 5, 2013



## GOD'S PROMISE

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TEXT: Genesis 28:15 "And, behold, I am with you, and will keep you in all places where you go, and will bring you again into this land; for I will not leave you, until I have done that which I have spoken to you of."

INTRODUCTION: Jacob is traveling to Haran, the home of Laban, his uncle. He and his mother, Rebekah, have tricked Esau, his brother, out of the blessing. Fearing for Jacob's life, Rebekah sends her son away to her brother. En route, Jacob has an encounter with God. Jacob dreamed of a stairway which reached from the earth to the heavens. In the dreamed, the Lord repeated this threefold blessing of Abraham to Jacob: Jacob would receive the land on which he was lying; his offspring would be as the dust of the earth, and through him all the nations of the earth would be blessed through his offspring. The LORD also spoke to Jacob these things: 1. I am with you; 2. I will keep you; 3. I will bring you again unto this land; and 4. I won't leave you until I have done all that of which I have spoken to you. Despite Jacob's deceit he would still receive the blessings of Abraham and he would never be left alone. (Read the story of Jacob beginning in Genesis chapter 25).

Just as God promised to be with Jacob on his journey, He promises to be with us on this new journey that we are on. Let us open our hearts to hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

OBJECTIVE: Today's lesson will encourage us to stand on the promises God has made to each of us as we explore three promises God made to Jacob. 1) I am with you, 2) I will keep you and 3) I won't leave you.

## I AM WITH YOU!!!

"And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:20

Jesus has commissioned His disciples to go out and teach, baptize and to do all the other things that He has commanded them to do.

But, He doesn't just send them out alone, He promises to always be with them.	NOTES
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.	
<ul><li> Are you feeling a little uneasy about your new journey?</li><li> Are you feeling all alone?</li></ul>	
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.	NOTES
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."	
REFERRENCES NOT LISTED IN THE EG LESSON	
LIFE APPLICATION NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY	
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