

## The Beginning

a study of the book of Genesis / chapters 35-36

Then God said to Jacob, "Go up to \_\_\_\_\_ ..." (35:1)

What do we need to do when we've lost our spiritual bearings?

1. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word.

Then *God said* to Jacob, (35:1a)

2. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ to "the house of God."

"*Go up to Bethel and settle there*, and build an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you were fleeing from your brother Esau." (35:1b-d)

3. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ what God says is sinful.

So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "*Get rid of the foreign gods you have with you, and purify yourselves and change your clothes. Then come, let us go up to Bethel, where I will build an altar to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and who has been with me wherever I have gone.*" So ... Jacob buried them ... (35:2-4)

4. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ on God's leadership.

Then they set out, and *the terror of God fell on the towns all around them* so that no one pursued them. Jacob and all the people with him came to Luz (that is, Bethel) ... There he built an altar, and he called the place El Bethel, because it was there that God revealed Himself to him ... (35:5-8)

5. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ God's promises.

After Jacob returned ... *God appeared to him again and blessed him.* God said to him, "Your name ... will be Israel" ... And God said ... "I am God Almighty; be fruitful ... I will give this land to your descendants ..." Then God went up ... [and] Jacob set up a stone pillar ... (35:9-15)

6. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ there will still be difficulties.

Then they moved on ... Rachel began to give birth and had *great difficulty* ... So Rachel died ... Israel moved on again and ... Reuben ... slept with his father's concubine Bilhah ... Jacob came home to his father Isaac in Mamre ... Then he ... died ... And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him. (35:16-29)

7. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ disobedience has its consequences.

This is the account of the family line of Esau ... the father of *the Edomites*. (36:1-43) "... you will throw his yoke from off your neck." (see Genesis 27:38-40)

"Return to Me, and I will return to \_\_\_\_\_,"

says the LORD Almighty. (Malachi 3:7b-d)

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