

**CONNECTION QUESTION**

Graduation season is upon us! Is there anyone you know graduating? Think back to your high school graduation. What do you remember most about it?

**SERMON REVIEW**

What in the sermon was helpful? What did you find challenging?

**BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE**

> Read Genesis 29:1-12; 24:10-21.

Jacob's encounter in Genesis 29 is similar to the encounter of Abraham's servant in Genesis 24. What are the similarities? What are the differences?

What do these differences teach us about Jacob's character?

> Read Genesis 29:13-14; 24:34-51.

Compare how often Jacob mentions God's name to Laban with how often Abraham's servant does. How does Laban respond in each chapter? What lesson can we learn for our own interactions with non-Christians?



> Read Genesis 29:21-30; 28:13-15.

In Genesis 28:13-15, God promises that he will be with Jacob, but in Genesis 29 we see that this looked different than we may expect! How is God with Jacob during his time with Laban? What does this teach us about God's presence when we are experiencing hardship?

Compare Laban's deceit of Jacob with Jacob's deceit of Isaac and Esau. What are the similarities? What lesson is God trying to teach Jacob through Laban?

> Read 2 Samuel 12:1-15.

Sometimes we are blind to our sin until we see it in others. How does Nathan use a story to convict King David? What can we learn from David's response?

God uses suffering and hardship to refine us, whether that suffering is at the hands of others or is a part of living in a "broken" world. Share a time where you experienced hardship. Looking back, what was God teaching you through that time? How are you a different person because of that experience?

**TAKE IT HOME**

Looking back on this week's study, what is the most important thing to remember? What is the most important action to take?