SURRENDER

Week 8 Lecture- Genesis 30:25-chapter 36

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I Why study the Jews?

a. Jacob is the third Patriarch and the father of the tribes of Israel. He is the physical and spiritual father of the Nation of Israel. He is the grandson of Abraham and the chosen son of Isaac.

II The Return to the Land Genesis 31:3 and 31: 11-13

VICTORY COMES THROUGH SURRENDER

1. Jacob flees Laban
2. Jacob fears Esau
   1. Jacob’s prayer Genesis 32:9-12
   2. Jacob wrestles with God
   3. Trembling, wrestling, clinging, limping- Jacob Surrenders to God

***Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be Jacob, but Israel, for you have contended with God and with men, and have prevailed”. Genesis 32.38***

* 1. VICTORY COMES THROUGH SURRENDER
  2. Quote by D.L. Moody

***Let God have your life; He can do more with it than you can***

* 1. The Lord can turn our failure for good. Embrace trials
     1. Philippians 3:13-14 and 1 John 1:9,James 1:1-4
  2. The answered prayer- reconciliation with Esau
     1. Genesis 33:8-11
     2. Jacob realizes he has everything – God’s blessings and protection

1. Chapter 34- a warning of consequences of wickedness and failure to fully obey God.
   1. 2 Timothy 3:16
2. God tells Jacob to go to Bethel Genesis 35:1 and 35:10-11
   1. Jacob cleans up the family and follows God’s direction on where to go
   2. Three deaths, Deborah, Rachel, and Isaac at age 180 and a birth, son #12, Benjamin. Rebellion by Reuben.

III The Nation of Israel- the 12 sons of Jacob- Chapter 35- see chart

1. The Nation of Israel are the Jews and the name comes from shortening the word Judah, Kingdom of Judah, the southern kingdom after the nation split.
2. All other peoples are Gentiles- not Jews

IV The descendants of Esau- The Edomites Chapter 36

V Why do we need to study the Jews?

a. It is our history and heritage and it explains The Greatest Story

b. We are grafted into the promise made to Abraham to bless the nations of the world through our faith in Jesus Christ.

***For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. Ephesians 2:14 NLT***

1. Big Bible Truth: Victory Comes through Surrender:

***For whoever has been born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith.*** ***I John 5:4***

If you are interested in digging deeper into the history of the Nation of Israel there is a summary with a timeline on the Women’s Ministry link in the website which can be downloaded.