

## Between the Rocks and a Hard Place

### *From Laban to Esau*

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Genesis 32-33

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Theme Statement: In the face of difficult life situations, we can always trust God's loving care for us, we should pray for God's guidance and blessing, we should use the means that God has given to us and then we can humbly face the challenges before us being confident of God's sovereign and good work within and for us.

1. Be reminded of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD God - Genesis 32:1-2

a. The LORD God made Jacob aware of His \_\_\_\_\_

b. Jacob named the place Mahanaim which means " \_\_\_\_\_ "

Psalm 34:7 - The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and rescues them.

Job 1:9-10a - Then Satan answered the Lord, "Does Job fear God for nothing? Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side?"

2. Be proactive by \_\_\_\_\_ for the upcoming challenge - Genesis 32:3-8, 13-23

a. Jacob took the initiative by \_\_\_\_\_ to Esau

b. Jacob sent a message of humility addressing Esau as " \_\_\_\_\_ " and himself as " \_\_\_\_\_ "

c. Jacob sent a message of \_\_\_\_\_ and a desire for \_\_\_\_\_

d. Jacob divided the people and flocks into two companies to potentially \_\_\_\_\_ and then \_\_\_\_\_ to the LORD God

e. After praying, Jacob prepared a \_\_\_\_\_ for Esau to \_\_\_\_\_ him

3. Be persistent in \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD God - Genesis 32:9-12, 24-32

Part 1 - After receiving news about Esau coming with 400 men

a. Jacob addressed God as Elohim ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) and Yahweh ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

b. Jacob confessed his \_\_\_\_\_ to receive the LORD God's steadfast love and faithfulness

c. Jacob pleaded with the LORD God to \_\_\_\_\_ from the hand of Esau

d. Jacob based his prayer on the LORD God's \_\_\_\_\_ with him

Part 2 - The night before Esau arrives

- a. A Man wrestled with Jacob all night but \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. The Man broke the stalemate by \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Jacob refused to let go of the Man unless \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. The Man changed Jacob's name "supplanter" to Israel which means "\_\_\_\_\_"
  - e. The Man refused to identify Himself because He knew Jacob was convinced that this was God Himself (Jesus Christ) and named the place Peniel which means "\_\_\_\_\_"
4. Be humble but confident in Facing the challenge - Genesis 33:1-7
- a. Jacob alone approached Esau and bowed 7 times \_\_\_\_\_ Esau as a ruler in the region
  - b. Esau ran to embrace Jacob and they \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Jacob then introduced his family in \_\_\_\_\_
5. Be diligent to \_\_\_\_\_ including \_\_\_\_\_ to God to bring closure to the challenge - Genesis 33:8-20
- a. Jacob urged Esau to accept his generous gift and Esau accepted indicating true \_\_\_\_\_ between the brothers
  - b. Jacob \_\_\_\_\_ with Esau because the real objective was to return to the land of Canaan
  - c. Jacob journeyed to \_\_\_\_\_ (east of the Jordan) and finally to \_\_\_\_\_ which is in the land of Canaan
  - d. Jacob built and altar to the LORD and called it El-Elohe-Israel which means "\_\_\_\_\_"