

Bible Readings Book by Book week 7 – w/c 19/12/21

Monday: Genesis 31:22-55. Laban was not very happy with Jacob because he had run off secretly and deceived him. How did Laban and Jacob finally resolve their differences and what lessons can we learn from them?

Tuesday: Genesis 32:1-32. Jacob was worried about meeting his brother, because he had cheated Esau when they last met! Yet this crisis became a defining moment in his life as he meets with God in a powerful way. What worries or relationship issues do you need to bring before God?

Wednesday: Genesis 33:1-20. Jacob was afraid about meeting Esau, but his fears were groundless. Esau was not bitter but welcomed him! Often our worries are worse than the reality. What worries and anxieties do you need to give over to God and keep in perspective, so that fear does not master you?

Thursday: Genesis 34:1-31. When Jacob's sons found out about what had happened to their sister, they were filled with grief and fury. We then read of their response in vv.25-29. What advice would you have given to them in this situation?

Friday: Genesis 35:1-29. Bethel was a place where God had previously met with Jacob. The first reaction when God meets with him again was to rid himself of anything in his life that could get in the way of a fresh experience of God. Is there anything you need to change to meet with God again?

Weekend: Genesis 36:1-43. Jacob and Esau separated again, because there was insufficient grazing for all their animals (v7). God uses this practical necessity to fulfil the prophetic words spoken by their father Isaac when he gave the blessing of the firstborn to Jacob. God's blessings are always fulfilled but when Jacob was serving Laban, he probably couldn't imagine how it could be. Thank God that he often accomplishes more in our life than we could ask or imagine.