

Key Texts

Genesis 28:10

Now Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran.

Genesis 28:11-15

When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway/ladder resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the Lord, and he said: "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying.

Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.

I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.

Genesis 28:16,17

When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it."

He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

Genesis 28:18,19

Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar (memorial stone) and poured oil on top of it. And he called that place Bethel (which means House of God).

Genesis 28:20-22

Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear so that I return safely to my father's household, then the Lord will be my God and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth."

Key Ideas

1

CONSUMERISM has taught us that the answer to all of life's questions is found in just having **MORE**. But just having **MORE** of the same stuff you had before, doesn't change the spiritual composition of your heart. You don't need **MORE** stuff, you need the **RIGHT** stuff.

2

God is working on the container of your soul, so that what He **ALREADY** desires to give you, it will work for your benefit, not for your downfall.

3

You don't need **MORE** friends, you need the **RIGHT** friends. You don't need **MORE** opportunities, you need the **RIGHT** opportunities. You don't need **MORE** things to do, you need the **RIGHT** things to do.

4

When you see the **ETERNAL**, it helps properly order the **TEMPORAL**.

Questions & Takeaways

My hope for the people at Pursuit is that when the next generation walks by the fulfillment of your dream, the altar that they see would cause them to marvel at God's greatness, not yours.

What are you contending for in this season that will make an impact for eternity?

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