

## Study Guide

**Pray:** Pray that God will show you something new in His Word and that you will be fully present as you consider these questions.

**Read:** Begin by reading Genesis 31 & 32 straight through, as you would read the chapters of any book.

### Questions:

1. Was there anything in the passage read during the week or in the lecture (Friday morning) that was of particular interest, surprised you or caused you concern in the chapters these weeks?
2. In **V1-13** of **Genesis 31**. What were Laban's sons complaining about and what effect did their complaints have on Jacob? What had changed with Laban?
3. What did the Lord affirm to Jacob in **V3** and again in **V12-13**? Why might these affirmations have been important to Jacob, and how do you see Jacob's confidence in God reflected in **V4-13**?
4. Why would Jacob have called Leah and Rachel away from their tents to the field for a conference? What does this imply about their servants and the home environment?
5. What accusation did Laban make against Jacob in **V28**? What is the unintended humor or irony in verse 30? Why didn't Laban see it?
6. What important truth about God did Jacob recognize in **V42**? What does this confession reveal about the faith of Jacob?

7. What were the terms of the covenant or treaty between Jacob and Laban in **V43-55**? Have you ever had to physically separate yourself from others or a situation that was damaging or dangerous?
8. In **V1-5** of **Genesis 32**, how does Jacob refer to himself in his message to Esau and how is the messenger to address Esau? Describe Jacob's tone in light of **Genesis 27:41-44**?
9. Summarize Jacob's plan and what motivated him in **V6-21**. What do you find interesting about this?
10. Jacob exercised humility and utter dependence on God in his prayer in verses 9-12. He stood on the promises of God in this prayer. Find a promise of God that you can stand on as you appeal to Him about a circumstance that is troubling you. Complete this prayer as you come before God with a contrite heart and surrender the circumstance to Him:

(Examples of promises on which to stand: Deuteronomy 31:8, Joshua 1:9, Psalm 23:4, Philippians 4:6-7, Psalm 34:10, Matthew 11:28-30, Isaiah 61:1, John 14:27)

Lord, you have said in your Word that \_\_\_\_\_.

I cling to Your promise and trust in Your kindness and faithfulness now as I face \_\_\_\_\_.

11. Jacob's has a supernatural encounter in **V22-32**. What did Jacob demand in **V26b**, and what did he receive in **V28-30**? Do you think this powerful encounter was a turning point in Jacob's spiritual life? Explain.