Genesis 35:1–37:1 November 12, 2023

Past, Present, and Future in Genesis 35:1-37:1

"Choose this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).

"You turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God." (1 Thessalonians 1:9)

"Give me children, or I shall die!" (Genesis 30:1)

"May the Lord add to me another son!" (Genesis 30:24)

"Not as I will, but as you will." (Matthew 26:39)

"Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, and the firstfruits of my strength, preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power. Unstable as water, you shall not have preeminence, because you went up to your father's bed; then you defiled it—he went up to my couch!" (Genesis 49:3–4)

"These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth." (Hebrews 11:13)

God's Past Promises Kept Help Us Wait in the Present for His Future Promises Made Notes

Discuss

- Do you relate to one or more of the obstacles to faith that Jacob experienced (repentance, death, conflict)? If so, how?
- Are there promises that God has made to you that you can see evidence of him keeping in your life?
- What do you think a Christian should do when they feel like they can't see evidence of God keeping his promises to them?
- How can Christians orient their worship around the promises of God (kept and made), and what impact can that have on their faith?

Read

Joshua 24:1-28

Pray

- That the Holy Spirit will help you to see how God has kept his promises in the past.
- That the Holy Spirit will strengthen your faith despite the obstacles that you face.

Bulletin

- Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:00am
- Youth Ministry (6th–12th Graders): First and Third Wednesdays at 6:30pm
- Building Workday: November 18 at 8:00am
- Thanksgiving Potluck Meal: November 19 at 12:00pm
- Men's Breakfast: December 2 at 8:00am
- Women's Winter Tea: December 9 at 10:00am
- Members' Meeting: December 10 at 5:00pm