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Hebrews 4:12

12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.





God's Plan – Our Involvement



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Gen: 28

³ May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and increase your numbers until you become a community of peoples. ⁴ May he give you and your descendants the blessing given to Abraham, so that you may take possession of the land where you now reside as a foreigner, the land God gave to Abraham."



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Gen: 28

"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. ¹⁴ 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.



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Gen: 28

¹⁵ 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."



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Gen: 28

"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 ²¹ so that I return safely to my father's household, then the Lord will be my God ²² 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."





"haqqatan", smallest, youngest, worthless one



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Gen 29

¹⁷ Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. ¹⁸ Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, "I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel."



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¹⁹ Laban said, "It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me."
²⁰ So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.



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Gen: 30:2

Jacob became angry with her and said, "Am I in the place of God, who has kept you from having children?"



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1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ **pray continually**, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.



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Romans 8:28

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.



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"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Heb 13:5 and Deut 31:6



IN THE BEGINNING ...

- Trust He Loves you!
- Cares for every detail!
- Trust HIS timing!
- Build your relationship with HIM!
- Everything in your past CAN and WILL be used for His glory – as He redeems them!





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