

**Restoring the Portion**  
***When the God of Your Fathers***  
***Becomes Your God***  
Sunday, February 15, 2026

**Genesis 28:10-16 NIV**

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> 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."

<sup>16</sup> When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." <sup>17</sup> 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."

1. **Grace Reaffirms and Fulfills the Covenant.**
2. **Revelation Turns Inherited Faith into Personal Awe.**
3. **Personal Encounter Leads to Personal Commitment.**

**Conclusion:** God's covenant is personal. In Jesus-the true Bethel and mediator-faith moves from inheritance to personal encounter.

**LIFE GROUP LESSON**  
**The God of Your Fathers-to Your God**  
Week of February 15th, 2026- February 21st, 2026

**Ice Breaker:** Are you living in borrowed or personal faith?

**Read Genesis 28.**

1. First read Genesis 27:41-46. What is the situation?
2. In Genesis 28, why is Jacob leaving? (v.10)
3. What did Jacob use for a pillow? Was it anything special? (v.11)
4. How did God reveal Himself? (v.12)
5. Do you believe God still speaks through dreams? Why might God use dreams to communicate important messages to His people?
6. What did God show Jacob in the dream?
7. What is the meaning of the ladder? What was it connecting? What is shown about God's divine providence?
8. Where was God in the dream? (v.13)
9. What did God reveal? Whose God did He say He was? (v.13)
10. Why didn't God say He was Jacob's God yet?
11. What does God affirm to Jacob? (vs. 13-14)
12. What does this reveal about God's character and faithfulness?
13. What does God do to turn this from an inherited promise to a personal faith? (v.15)
14. Have you had a similar encounter that moved you from inherited faith to realizing God is *your* personal God who cares for *you*?
15. What was Jacob's response after the dream? (v.16)
16. How are we to act on messages God gives to us? Should we test them first? How?
17. What did Jacob realize about God's presence? (vs.16-17)
18. Have you felt God wasn't with you in some place? Why?
19. Read Genesis 28:18-19. What did Jacob do with the stone? What is the symbolism of the stone and what was made known to Jacob? Who is Jesus known as? Read Mark 12:10-11.
20. Read Genesis 28:20-21. What had changed for Jacob?
21. What does Bethel mean? How is Jesus our true "Bethel"?
22. Read John 1:51. What does Jesus reveal about the ladder? What does this mean about who He is and how He fulfills God's promise?
23. Read John 14:6. How does this truth tie into this dream?
24. Read John 20:25-28. What does Thomas confess? How does Jacob's "Bethel" anticipate this confession for all believers?

**Point to ponder:** Revelation will always produce worship. Seek, ask, and look for what He is making known to you.