

These questions are for the September 6, 2026, message, "Whats Your Story?" Please read the sermon passage (Genesis 28:10-22) out loud.

Passage Outline

1. Your story has a past
 - a. Jacob had a history of deceitfulness
 - b. His sinful actions resulted in unfavorable consequences
2. Your story has a present
 - a. Jacob's current season left him facing many unknowns
 - b. When we face a new season, the temptation is to think that God isn't there
3. Your story has a God who is present
 - a. We can ignore, but in no way can we evade the presence of God
 - b. God was not done with Jacob, nor is he limited by our failings
4. Your story has a future
 - a. The vision of the ladder found its fulfillment in Jesus who acted as a bridge between Heaven and Earth, a gateway between God and man
 - b. Because of who God is and what He has done, we can have hope for the future

Application

1. Our story should lead us to witness
 - a. "Come and see"
 - b. Our stories should make others aware of the greatness of God
2. Our story should lead us to worship
 - a. We can glorify God for His work in our lives
 - b. God is equally God in and out of trials, and so He is equally worthy of our respect, honor, and devotion at all times, and in all seasons

Discussion Questions

1. Are there times when you feel like God is absent? How can we as a Life Group encourage and remind one another of the presence and care of God?
2. Was Jacob deserving of blessing? Are we deserving of grace? Why does God show us both?
3. How can you glorify God in the midst of your current season of life?
4. What are some ways you can look back on your life and see the faithfulness of God? Is it always easy to trust that God will continue to be faithful when we look ahead?
5. Who is someone that God has put into your story that needs to hear the good news of the gospel? What are some "on ramps" or ways you can initiate a God conversation?