

Living up to who you are in Christ!

Genesis 33:1 And **Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men.** And he divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids. 2 And he put the **handmaids and their children foremost,** and Leah and her children after, and **Rachel and Joseph hindermost.** 3 And he passed over before them, and **bowed himself to the ground seven times,** until he came near to his brother. 4 And Esau **ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept.** 5 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who *are* those with thee? And he said, **The children which God hath graciously given thy servant.** 6 Then the handmaidens came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves. 7 And Leah also with her children came near, and bowed themselves: and after came Joseph near and Rachel, and they bowed themselves. 8 And he said, What *meanest* thou by all this drove which I met? And he said, **These are to find grace in the sight of my lord.** 9 And Esau said, I have enough, my brother; keep that thou hast unto thyself. 10 And Jacob said,

Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me. 11 Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took *it*. 12 And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before thee. 13 And he said unto him, My lord knoweth that **the children are tender,** and the flocks and herds with young *are* with me: and **if men should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die.** 14 Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over before his servant: and **I will lead on softly,** according as the cattle that goeth before me and **the children be able to endure,** until I come unto my lord unto Seir. 15 And Esau said, Let me now leave with thee *some* of the folk that *are* with me. And he said, What needeth it? let me find grace in the sight of my lord. 16 So Esau returned that day on his way unto Seir. 17 And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built him an house, and made booths for his cattle: therefore the name of the place is called Succoth. 18 And Jacob came to Shalem, a city of Shechem,

which *is* in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan-aram; and pitched his tent before the city. **19** And he bought a parcel of a field, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for an hundred pieces of money. **20** And **he erected there an altar**, and called it El-elohe-Israel.

34:1 And **Dinah** the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, **went out to see the daughters of the land.** **2** And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, **he took her**, and lay with her, and **defiled her.** **3** And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel. **4** And Shechem spake unto his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife. **5** And Jacob heard that he had **defiled Dinah** his daughter: now his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they were come. **6** And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him. **7** And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard *it*: and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had **wrought folly** in

Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter; **which thing ought not to be done.** 8 And Hamor communed with them, saying, The soul of my son Shechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you give her him to wife. 9 And make ye marriages with us, *and* give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you. 10 And ye shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade ye therein, and get you possessions therein. 11 And Shechem said unto her father and unto her brethren, **Let me find grace in your eyes,** and what ye shall say unto me I will give. 12 Ask me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: but give me the damsel to wife. 13 And **the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully,** and said, because he had defiled Dinah their sister: 14 And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that *were* a reproach unto us: 15 But in this will we consent unto you: If ye will be as we *be*, that every male of you be circumcised; 16 Then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people. 17 But if ye will not hearken unto us, to be circumcised; then will we take our daughter, and we will be gone. 18 And their words

pleased Hamor, and Shechem Hamor's son. 19 And the young man deferred not to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter: and he *was* more honourable than all the house of his father. 20 And Hamor and Shechem his son came unto the gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city, saying, 21 These men *are* peaceable with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade therein; for the land, behold, *it is* large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters. 22 Only herein will the men consent unto us for to dwell with us, to be one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they *are* circumcised. 23 **Shall not their cattle and their substance and every beast of theirs *be* ours?** only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us. 24 And unto Hamor and unto Shechem his son hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city. 25 And it came to pass on the third day, **when they were sore**, that two of the sons of Jacob, **Simeon and Levi**, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and **slew all the males.** 26 And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son

with the edge of the sword, and **took Dinah out of Shechem's house**, and went out. 27 The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and spoiled the city, because they had **defiled their sister**. 28 They took their sheep, and their oxen, and their asses, and that which *was* in the city, and that which *was* in the field, 29 And all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives took they captive, and spoiled even all that *was* in the house. 30 And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, **Ye have troubled me to make me to stink** among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites: and **I** *being* few in number, they shall gather themselves together against **me**, and slay **me**; and **I** shall be destroyed, **I** and **my** house. 31 And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with **an harlot?** 35:1 And God said unto Jacob, Arise, **go up to Beth-el**, and dwell there: and **make there an altar unto God**, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother. 2 Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that *were* with him, **Put away** the strange gods that *are* among you, and **be**

clean, and change your garments: 3 And let us arise, and go up to Beth-el; and **I will make there an altar unto God,** who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. 4 And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which *were* in their hand, and *all their* earrings which *were* in their ears; and **Jacob hid them under the oak** which *was* by Shechem. 5 And they journeyed: and the terror of God was upon the cities that *were* round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob. 6 So Jacob came to Luz, which *is* in the land of Canaan, that *is*, Beth-el, he and all the people that *were* with him. 7 And **he built there an altar,** and called the place El-beth-el: because there God appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother. 8 But Deborah Rebekah's nurse died, and she was buried beneath Beth-el under an oak: and the name of it was called Allon-bachuth. 9 And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Padan-aram, and blessed him. 10 And God said unto him, Thy name *is* Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel. 11 And God said unto him, I *am* God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins; 12 And

the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land. **13** And God went up from him in the place where he talked with him. **14** And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, *even* a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon. **15** **And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him, Beth-el.** **16** And they journeyed from Beth-el; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour. **17** And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also. **18** And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Ben-oni: but his father called him **Benjamin**. **19** And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which *is* Beth-lehem. **20** And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that *is* the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day. **21** And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower of Edar. **22** And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that **Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine:** and Israel heard *it*. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve: **23** The sons of Leah; Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and

Issachar, and Zebulun: 24 The sons of Rachel; Joseph, and Benjamin: 25 And the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid; Dan, and Naphtali: 26 And the sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid; Gad, and Asher: these *are* the sons of Jacob, which were born to him in Padan-aram. 27 And Jacob came unto Isaac his father unto Mamre, unto the city of Arbah, which *is* Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac sojourned. 28 And the days of Isaac were **an hundred and fourscore years**. 29 And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, *being* old and full of days: and his sons **Esau and Jacob** buried him.

36:1 Now these *are* the generations of Esau, who *is* Edom. 2 Esau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan; Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite; 3 And Bashemath Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebajoth. 4 And Adah bare to Esau Eliphaz; and Bashemath bare Reuel; 5 And Aholibamah bare Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah: these *are* the sons of Esau, which were born unto him in the land of Canaan. 6 And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the persons of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his substance, which he had got in the land of Canaan; and

went into the country **from the face of his brother Jacob.** 7 For their riches were more than that they might dwell together; and **the land wherein they were strangers could not bear them** because of their cattle. 8 Thus dwelt Esau in mount Seir: Esau *is* Edom.

9 And these *are* the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in mount Seir: 10 These *are* the names of Esau's sons; Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Bashemath the wife of Esau. 11 And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz. 12 And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bare to Eliphaz Amalek: these *were* the sons of Adah Esau's wife. 13 And these *are* the sons of Reuel; Nahath, and Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah: these were the sons of Bashemath Esau's wife. 14 And these were the sons of Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife: and she bare to Esau Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah. 15 These *were* dukes of the sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz the firstborn *son* of Esau; duke Teman, duke Omar, duke Zepho, duke Kenaz, 16 Duke Korah, duke Gatam, *and* duke Amalek: these *are* the dukes *that came* of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these *were* the sons of Adah. 17 And these *are* the sons of Reuel Esau's

son; duke Nahath, duke Zerah, duke Shammah, duke Mizzah: these *are* the dukes *that came* of Reuel in the land of Edom; these *are* the sons of Bashemath Esau's wife. 18 And these *are* the sons of Aholibamah Esau's wife; duke Jeush, duke Jaalam, duke Korah: these *were* the dukes *that came* of Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife. 19 These *are* the sons of Esau, who *is* Edom, and these *are* their dukes.

20 These *are* the sons of Seir the Horite, who inhabited the land; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, 21 And Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan: these *are* the dukes of the Horites, the children of Seir in the land of Edom. 22 And the children of Lotan were Hori and Hemam; and Lotan's sister was Timna. 23 And the children of Shobal *were* these; Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam. 24 And these *are* the children of Zibeon; both Ajah, and Anah: this *was that* Anah that found the mules in the wilderness, as he fed the asses of Zibeon his father. 25 And the children of Anah *were* these; Dishon, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah. 26 And these *are* the children of Dishon; Hemdan, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran. 27 The children of Ezer *are* these; Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Akan. 28 The children of Dishan *are* these; Uz, and Aran. 29 These *are* the dukes *that came* of the

Horites; duke Lotan, duke Shobal, duke Zibeon, duke Anah, 30 Duke Dishon, duke Ezer, duke Dishan: these *are* the dukes *that came* of Hori, among their dukes in the land of Seir. 31 And these *are* the kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel. 32 And Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom: and the name of his city *was* Dinhabah. 33 And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead. 34 And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of Temani reigned in his stead. 35 And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* Avith. 36 And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead. 37 And Samlah died, and Saul of Rehoboth *by* the river reigned in his stead. 38 And Saul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead. 39 And Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, and Hadar reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* Pau; and his wife's name *was* Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab. 40 And these *are* the names of the dukes *that came* of Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their names; duke Timnah, duke Alvah, duke Jetheth, 41 Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon, 42 Duke Kenaz, duke

Teman, duke Mibzar, ⁴³ Duke Magdiel, duke Iram: these *be* the dukes of Edom, according to their habitations in the land of their possession: he *is* Esau the father of the Edomites.

- Before we start on the Biblical meaning of the chapter I think we can find something very applicable to how we disciple, train, and lead people. **Genesis 33:13** And he said unto him, My lord knoweth that **the children are tender**, and the flocks and herds with young *are* with me: and **if men should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die.** **14** Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over before his servant: and **I will lead on softly**, according as the cattle that goeth before me and **the children be able to endure**, until I come unto my lord unto Seir.

1. Remember who you are working with

- a.Children
- b.Babies
- c.Weak
- d.New

2.Don't overdrive or push too hard. Remember where they are in life

3. Lead on softly. You know where they need to go but they do not
4. They will be able to endure and grow if you move at the correct speed
5. That is not the real purpose of what Jacob says here. It is true but he is trying to deceive his brother and has no intention of going to Seir

1. Jacob is supposed to return to the land of Bethel **31:13** *I am the God of Beth-el, where thou anointedst the pillar, and where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred.*
 - a. Esau and his 400 men cause Jacob to fall back to his old ways **33:1** *And **Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men.** And he divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids.*
 - b. He did not live up to who he was in the Lord
 - c. He shows his family exactly what he thinks of them-- brings hate and competition into the family **33:2** *And he*

put the **handmaids** and **their children foremost**, and Leah and her children after, and **Rachel and Joseph hindermost.**

- i. He probably learned that at home and is just doing what he has seen so many times
 - ii. Is that what we are doing in our homes
 - iii. What are we teaching our children
 - iv. How careful are you to express love and feel love for your children
 - v. How careful are you to meet each of their needs even though they are different
- d. He doesn't understand and act on the promises of God
- 33:3** And he passed over before them, and **bowed himself to the ground seven times**, until he came near to his brother. **4** And Esau **ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept.**
- i. He bows to his brother
 - ii. He begs his brother
 - iii. He doesn't confess his sin
 - iv. He didn't tell his brother he had a new name and he was a new man

- v. The prince was living like a pauper
- vi. Esau shows more grace than the one who had received grace
- e. Jacob pretends that he wants to go with his brother 33:8
And he said, What *meanest* thou by all this drove which I met? And he said, **These are to find grace in the sight of my lord.** 33:10 And Jacob said, **Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me.**
- i. It wasn't where he was supposed to go
- ii. He doesn't plan on going there
- iii. He just makes excuses to keep from going 33:16 So Esau returned that day on his way unto Seir. 17 And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built him an house, and made booths for his cattle: therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.
- f. Jacob picked a place to live instead of going back to Bethel

- g. He built an altar and worshipped but he didn't obey 33:20
And he erected there an altar, and called it El-elohe-Israel.
- h. His disobedience is going to bring horrible consequences to his family

2. Consequences of Jacob's disobedience

- a. Jacob shouldn't even be here 31:13 *I am the God of Beth-el, where thou anointedst the pillar, and where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred.*
- b. Poor parental supervision I suppose 34:1 **And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land.**
 - i. Wrong place where they shouldn't be
 - ii. Laid back dad that isn't as involved in the life of his child as he should be
- c. God is not mentioned in this chapter
- d. Dinah gets raped 34:2 **And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her.**

- i. He took her, captured, seized her, apparently held her against her will **34:26** *And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and **took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went out.***
- ii. He defiled her, made her dirty
- iii. Possibly she was a participant but the verbs seem to indicate that she was not
- e. Sexual abuse leaves a person feeling defiled and dirty
- f. Regardless the word used is defiled which means to torment, humiliate, oppress, subjugate, attack **34:7** *And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard *it*: and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had **wrought folly** in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter; **which thing ought not to be done.***
- g. There should be a definite difference in our view of our sexuality and that of those that do not know Jesus
 - i. We have no desire to cause lost people to see and or do what we are taught
 - ii. We are different because of Jesus and what He has done in our lives

- iii. The lost world is expected to have a different view of the relationship between a man and a woman. We just do not want to buy into that
- h. The lost world, Hamor feels like he can just take her then marry her. He doesn't appear to see anything wrong with what he has done. **34:23 Shall not their cattle and their substance and every beast of theirs be ours? only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us.**
- i. Actually you can only expect lost people to act like lost people
- ii. We do not even expect them to live to a different standard
- iii. We don't ask for that
- iv. Everyone will live more like their father than we would ever like to admit.
- v. If they are of the devil what do you expect from them
- i. Before this story is over the two sons will commit horrendous murder **34:13 And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully,** and said, because he had defiled Dinah their sister: **34:25 And it came to pass on the third day, when**

they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, **Simeon and Levi**, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and **slew all the males**.

- i. Dad will never forget **49:5** Simeon and Levi *are* brethren; **Instruments of cruelty** *are in* their habitations. **6** O my soul, come not thou into their secret; Unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: **For in their anger they slew a man**, And in **their selfwill** they digged down a wall. **7** Cursed *be* their **anger**, for *it was* fierce; And their **wrath**, for it was **cruel**: I will divide them in Jacob, And scatter them in Israel.
- ii. But God does forget
- iii. There is a beautiful picture of grace here. Levi has committed a horrible crime
- iv. His dad is angry and obviously God isn't pleased
- v. But Levi and his descendants will be greatly used of God as spiritual leaders in the nation of Israel

3. Jacob is still living like the trickster

- a. He can't really fault his sons they are doing exactly what he would have done as they deceive and then take advantage
- b. He can't blame his daughter for wanting to go out and see after all he brought her here
- c. And then when it all happens his concern is not with his family but how it made him look **34:30 And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, Ye have troubled me to make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites: and I being few in number, they shall gather themselves together against me, and slay me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house.**
 - i. You troubled me
 - ii. You make me stink, look bad
 - iii. Then he uses I, me and my 6 times in a row
 - iv. He is a dad. He should have been concerned about the family and what to do
 - v. He should have been proactive and not reactive

d. You are the leader. You are to be out in front. You are to be seeing what needs to be done to care for your family. It is much more than money, house, security

i. He should have reacted or shown his sons that he would take care of what happened to their sister

ii. He should have called the family together

iii. He should have sought a solution himself

iv. He will be angry with the boys the rest of their lives over this

v. They wondered how he couldn't act **34:31** And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with **an**

harlot?

4. Coming back and living up to who he is **35:1** And God said unto Jacob, Arise, **go up to Beth-el,** and dwell there: and **make there an altar unto God,** that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother.

- a. God deals with Jacob again. Wonderful and amazing how he never leaves us no matter how far we wander or how much wrong we do
- b. Jacob knew that getting back to where he should be would mean some changes in their lives and lifestyle **35:2** Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that *were* with him, **Put away** the strange gods that *are* among you, and **be clean**, and **change your garments:** **3** And let us arise, and go up to Beth-el; and **I will make there an altar unto God**, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went.
- i. They put away their idols and strange God
 - ii. They change their garments, like leaving the old and putting on the new
 - iii. They prepare to worship
- c. You can come back and God will work in your life again **35:9** And **God appeared unto Jacob again**, when he came out of Padan-aram, and blessed him.
- d. God reminds him of who he is "Israel" **35:10** And God said unto him, Thy name *is* Jacob: thy name shall not be

called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and **he called his name Israel.**

e. God returns him to his ministry **35:11** And God said unto him, *I am* God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins; **12** And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.

f. Jacob once again pours out himself before God **35:13** And God went up from him in the place where he talked with him. **14** And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, *even* a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon. **15** **And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him, Beth-el.**

5. Getting right doesn't get you out of problems **35:18** And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Ben-oni: but his father called him **Benjamin.**

a. Rachel, Jacob's favorite wife, has a baby and dies

- b. Reuben, his oldest son, will take his wife, concubine
35:22 And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that **Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine:** and Israel heard *it*. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve:
- c. The boys get together to bury their dad **35:28** And the days of Isaac were **an hundred and fourscore years.**
29 And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, *being* old and full of days: and his sons **Esau and Jacob** buried him.
- d. Jacob and his brother never got along all their lives **36:6**
And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the persons of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his substance, which he had got in the land of Canaan; and went into the country **from the face of his brother Jacob.** **7** For their riches were more than that they might dwell together; and **the land wherein they were strangers could not bear them** because of their cattle
- e. Problems come in our life. We are not free from problems but can have victory over them

- Take this home with you
 - Are you expecting too much from your children or those that you are discipling?
 - Are you expecting enough?
 - Are you living a life of obedience?
 - Do you live up to who you are? You are a new person with a new name. Do you live that out or are you allowing sin to defeat you?
 - Do you understand that though there are no eternal consequences to sin there are temporary ones. Your decisions do affect your family
 - Do you show the grace you have received to others
 - Do you take care to do the right thing with your spouse, children, sexual identity
 - Do you still practice the old ways of deceiving and tricking or are you living by faith
 - Are you the victim, the center of the story, the important actor on the stage or have you learned to think of the responsibility you carry?
 - Will you come back and live out who you were meant to be?

- Instead of keeping yourself all bottled up for yourself will you pour your life out on His altar?
- Are you living a life of victory?