

Jacob & the Gospel # 8

# Genesis 30<sup>25</sup> - 31<sup>18</sup>

## Time to go home?

Lord's day morning: 26 Aug 2007

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Children's talk: When is it time to go home?

### Introduction

Randy sheep and a lot of other interesting things

I'd like a BBQ chicken, please

Where are we going?

### 1. Jacob's desire (30<sup>25-36</sup>)

Testing the waters

Willingness to wait

A generous proposal

Laban's up to the same old tricks

### 2. Jacob's shrewdness (30<sup>37-43</sup>)

Jacob the geneticist

Jacob the strategist

Outwitting the enemy

Strengthening the flocks

### 3. Jacob's faith (31<sup>1-18</sup>)

Responding to revelation

Winning his wives

Recognising the hand of God

### 4. Jacob's God (31<sup>1-18</sup>)

God was the One bringing him home

God was the One outwitting the enemy

God was the One giving the increase



### Questions answered



Where is home for Jacob?  
Where is home for us?



In what way was God's promise at Bethel beginning to be fulfilled?  
What was still lacking?



When is it right to "test the waters" to find out what we should do?  
When is it wrong to do this?



What were the "strings" attached to Laban's offer to Jacob to "name his wages"?  
What was Laban's real agenda?  
How does this typify the agenda of the enemy of our souls?



How does Jacob's proposal indicate that he is no longer the grasping man he once was?



What story does Jesus tell that commends shrewdness?  
How does Jacob also demonstrate shrewdness?  
How does Jesus also demonstrate shrewdness?



In what context does Jesus commend shrewdness?  
How can we apply that throughout our journey to the promised land?



What does it mean for us to lay up treasure in heaven? How can we do this?



Why does Jacob need to win his wives?  
How does he go about this? (What does he say and not say?)  
What application does this have for us on our journey home?



What makes it clear that God was the One who brought Jacob home?  
What makes it clear that God was the One outwitting the enemy?  
What makes it clear that God was the One giving the increase?  
How does this apply in our own lives?



### Things to pray about



A willingness to wait upon the Lord for His time.



How to be shrewd in taking captives captive for Christ.



Giving God all the glory for everything that happens in our lives.