

The Beginning Of A New Beginning Text: Genesis 28:10-22

The paternal blessing was a fundamental part of the ancient tradition. It was considered irrevocable, even though, in this case, it was pronounced upon the unintended son. Ref: Gen 27:41

What happened to Jacob as he slept under the open sky while running for his life? It's the same thing that I pray will happen to e_____here. You could call it: the beginning of a new beginning.

There are three elements of Jacob's story that we each need to experience for ourselves

1. Knowing God Becomes a P_____Matter.

Just like God made promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, he makes promises today to all his people:

I will be with you today w_____you may go.

I will give you strength to face what you must face.

I will give you peace and joy.

I will fill your l_____with meaning.

I will cause everything that happens to work out for g_____ in your life.

I will hear your prayers, and I will answer.

I will r_____you for your faith and your obedience.

I will forgive you for your sins and cover the past with my mercy

It doesn't matter how long you've been a follower of Jesus Christ, if you're not living a promise-filled life today, then it's time to make it p_____. It's time to hear what God is saying to you, and to say in response, "Yes, Lord. I believe it. And I r_____ it."

2. Recognizing the P_____ of God in your Everyday Experience.

We can say today that we are standing on holy ground. Where you are right now, it's holy ground, because God is there.

Once you become aware of his p_____, you see him everywhere, at work in everything.

3. Surrendering Your Life to His L_____.

Jacob is not b_____. He's simply repeating back to God the promises that God had spoken to him earlier. He's saying, in effect, "OK Lord, in response to your promise, here's my promise."

I will tell you that you can't walk in the promises of God until you have that I-mean-business moment-of-surrender — that moment in which you say, "This is my c_____, here I stand, and I will not budge."

It's a long process; you won't be perfect as fast as you want to be. But this process — begun with intention and carried out with determination — is the key to a life filled with the promises of God.

Ref: Philippians 1:7

This is where you experience the beginning of a new beginning when you're ready to say...

I am _____. He is _____. Here I _____.