

CELEBRATING YOUR LIFE

Genesis 47:9
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INTRO

1. People, places and memories in our lives
2. Places and phases in Jacob's life

A. **LIMBO: BEERSHEBA**

1. He was in limbo regarding his **identity** (27:11-16)
2. He was in limbo regarding his **destiny** (27:41-45)

B. **LOST: BETHEL**

1. He was led into an uncertain **place** (28:10, 16-22)
2. He was given an unconditional **promise** (28:12-15)

C. **LAYOVER: HARAN**

1. He **worked** hard (30:25-26)
2. He was **responsible** and **dependable** (Genesis 30:27-29)
3. He gained new **skills** and **understanding** (Genesis 30:37-43)
4. He placed priority on **character** (Genesis 31:38-42)
5. He learned to deal with different **relationships** (Genesis 33:1-5)

D. **LIMP: PENIEL**

1. He **remembered** the big picture (28:16-18)
2. He **requested** for God to bless his endeavor (32:28-30)

E. **LEGACY: EGYPT**

1. He **continued** what he started (35:1-5)
2. He **chose** to follow God's leading (46:2-4)
3. He **called** on God's blessings in every opportunity he had (47:7-10; 48:15-16)
4. He had **closure** with all the loose ends (49:1-28)
5. He gave them the **commands** of God to the very end (49:29-33)

CONCLUSION

Exodus 3:15 "God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' "This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation."

TABLE TALK QUESTIONS

1. What struck you most in this series that the church is doing regarding the life of Jacob? Using Jacob's life outline and timeline, where are you in your journey with God?
2. Read Genesis 35:1-5. What is the significance of this place, and what did Jacob do when he returned? Why is it important to revisit the 'memorial' of specific areas God spoke to us? Which ones do you plan to visit again and why this place matter?
3. Read Genesis 46:2-4. Jacob was over a hundred years old at this time, yet God called him again with one more stop in his life--to Egypt. What do you think is God leading you to do more at this period in your life?
4. Genesis 49 is a chapter dedicated to Jacob blessing his children. The blessing included a meaningful touch, a reminder of what each name meant and a prayer for the future for each son. This whole scene tells us that after all the deceit, lies, and family secrets, Jacob and his children had closure of their painful past. What are some of the unfinished businesses that you want to have closure in your life?
5. Genesis 47:9 and compare it to Genesis 49:29-33. What are three or significant takeaways as you reflect on Jacob's life? How has his life and God's actions in his life enabled you to see God's plan for our lives?
6. Close the Life Group meeting by praying for one another.