

Jacob's Ladder

What's one of your dreams that you can remember?

Read Genesis 27:46-28:22.

1. Who is a good person for you to marry?
 - A. The person of my dreams.
 - B. Somebody rich and famous.
 - C. A person who loves me.
 - D. A person who loves God.
 - E. No Hittites or Canaanites.
 - F. Someone my dad chooses.
 - G. Someone my mom chooses.
 - H. Someone I choose.
 - I. Other.

2. What was the likelihood of Jacob returning to Canaan blessed?
 - A. Not very likely.
 - B. Impossible as long as Esau was around.
 - C. He was running for his life.
 - D. His father blessed Jacob, so it had to happen.
 - E. Rebekah would have to diffuse Esau's revenge (Genesis 27:41).
 - F. God had promised it (Genesis 25:23).
 - G. Jacob would have to earn his blessing elsewhere.
 - H. About 50-50.
 - I. Other.

3. What did Jacob have going for him when he fled?
 - A. Not much.
 - B. His life.
 - C. God's promise to go with him.
 - D. A rock for a pillow.
 - E. His parents' blessing.
 - F. Isolation and uncertainty.
 - G. A great retirement plan.
 - H. A terrific family.
 - I. Other.

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4. What did Jacob see in his vision?
 - A. A ladder he could climb to get to heaven: Jacob’s ladder.
 - B. A ladder God provided, with angels connecting Jacob with heaven.
 - C. God—the God of Jacob and Isaac.
 - D. A family reunion with Esau.
 - E. Heartache his future children would bring him.
 - F. God’s promises of land, descendants, blessings, and safety.
 - G. Future deceptions.
 - H. Other.

5. What conditions have you set for God?
 - A. Make me happy.
 - B. Guarantee my success.
 - C. Provide protection.
 - D. Give me what I need and want.
 - E. Don’t require me to be a “super saint.”
 - F. None.
 - G. I have to sense God’s presence for him to be real to me.
 - H. Other.

6. What conditions has God set for you?
 - A. Obedience.
 - B. Go to church a lot.
 - C. Have personal devotions.
 - D. Be nice to people.
 - E. Pay tithe—one tenth (vs. 22).
 - F. Love God and others.
 - G. Just trust God.
 - H. Other.

7. When have you, like Jacob, been unaware of God’s presence, but God was right there (vs. 16)?

8. Why did God do so much for Jacob after Jacob had deceived his father and stolen the birthright from his brother?