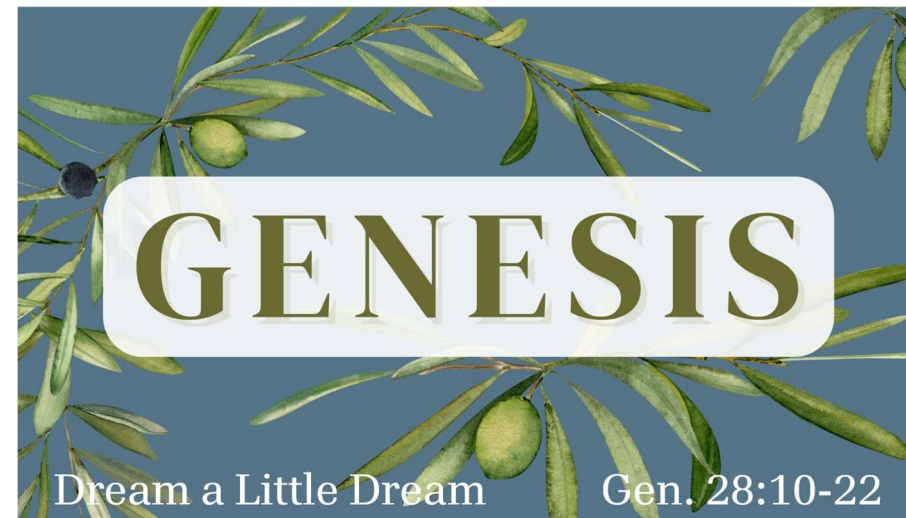


2. Have you ever looked back on your early faith and realized how much of your worship was mixed with immaturity or self-focus? How has God grown you since then?
3. God didn't reject Jacob's imperfect worship but began transforming him over time. How does this encourage you in your own spiritual growth?
4. What does it mean to worship God "in spirit and truth" (John 4:24) — and what are some practical steps you can take to grow as that kind of worshiper?

Sermon Discussion

Points for



Calvary Chapel Groups
Sunday, August 17, 2025

First

Read Genesis 28:10-22

In the midst of fleeing for his life from his brother Esau, Jacob has an encounter with God in a dream that begins to set his life on course with God. Jacob will begin the difficult transformation from swindler and cheat, to becoming Israel and bringing forth a nation of God's people.

Vs. 13-14 – God Called Jacob Personally

1. Before this dream, Jacob had only heard about God's promises secondhand. How have you seen the difference between knowing *about* God and knowing Him personally?
2. Jacob's encounter reminds us there are "no grandchildren in God's family." What are some ways we can help the next generation develop a faith of their own instead of just borrowing ours?
3. For parents, grandparents, or spiritual mentors — what does it look like to intentionally disciple your children or those you influence?
4. Can you share a time when God made His call to you personal and real? How did that change your life?

Vs. 15 – God Promised His Presence

1. God promised Jacob, "I am with you... I will not leave you." How does remembering God's presence change the way you face challenges?
2. Moses refused to move forward without God's presence (Exodus 33:15). Have you ever felt that same conviction — that you'd rather stay put than move forward without God?
3. Know that God is always present and living within us as believers, our problem is not whether God is present, but whether we're *aware* of His presence. What helps you stay mindful of His nearness in everyday life?
4. How can we guard against valuing God's blessings more than God Himself?

Vs. 16-22 – Jacob Responded with Worship...Kind of

1. Jacob's vow sounds like he's trying to strike a deal with God. Why do you think we sometimes approach God this way, even when His promises are already sure?