

The Unforgettable Encounter

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WARM UP

Share a high and low from the last week.

COMING UP

GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR

A Night of Prayer for the Muslim World Thursday, May 10, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center

Grace Students Urban Hope Trip June 3–9, Urban Hope Training Center (200 East Tioga Street, Philadelphia). Register by Monday, May 21, at CENationalRegister.org. Email Alli.Nathan@GracePolaris.org for instructions.

Vacation Bible School Monday–Friday, June 25–29. Sign up to volunteer or donate food or craft items. Learn more and sign up at VacationBible.School.

WITNESS

- On your white board, list the names of people in your sphere of influence you're praying will come to know Jesus.
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

EXPLORE

- 1 Read Genesis 27:41–28:9. How would you summarize the events leading up to Jacob's departure from Beersheba (28:10)?
- 2 What do you think was going through Jacob's mind as he set out for Haran (28:12)? Have you ever been in a situation like that? Explain.
- 3 As Jacob was fleeing, he had an unforgettable encounter with God (28:10–12). Share a challenging time in your life when you clearly experienced God moving in your circumstances and working in your heart.
- 4 What assurances does God communicate to Jacob (28:12–15), and what does this teach us about God's character? What promises of God have you found to be especially meaningful in your life?
- 5 Jacob's response to his encounter with God was worship (28:16–19). Allen Ross said, "All worshipful acts must begin with and be characterized by reverential fear at the presence of the Lord." How does this compare with your personal and our cultural definitions/pursuits of worship?
- 6 Do you feel vulnerable or exhausted? How should (or how has) God's faithfulness/promises influence(d) your trust in Him in the midst of your "wilderness wanderings?"

PRAY

Pray that God would give you opportunity, wisdom, and courage as you interact this week with those God has placed in your life.