

To Whom Shall I Turn?

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WARM UP

Share your fondest Memorial Day memory.

COMING UP

GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR

Kids Lunch Club Mondays, June 4–August 6, 11:00 a.m., Abbey Lane Apartments (4301 Goldengate Oval, Columbus). GracePolaris.org/LunchClub

Communion Sunday, June 10, 5:00 p.m., FC main gym. Bring finger foods to share.

Father & Child Retreat Friday–Sunday, July 27–29, Mohican Wilderness (Glenmont, Ohio). FatherChildRetreat.com

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 What is one point that resonated with you from this week's sermon? Explain why.
- 2 Have you ever been in a situation where you were genuinely fearful (or at least genuinely anxious) to meet with someone? Why did you feel that way? In hindsight, was your fear justified?
- 3 God sent Jacob to the land of Canaan (32:1–18). Given that, Jacob's response was fascinating. In observing Jacob's subsequent actions, do you think that Jacob was scheming to save his own skin or trusting God with the outcome, including God's faithfulness to His promises? How do you discern the difference?
- 4 Do you see yourself in this story? If so, who do you associate with? If Esau: how do you handle yourself when wronged? If Jacob: how do you handle yourself when you have wronged someone?
- 5 Consider Jacob's prayer (32:9–12). In what ways is his prayer a model for us? What character qualities does Jacob demonstrate?
- 6 When you are anxious or afraid, to what do you tend to turn for safety or comfort?
- 7 God was faithful to the promises He made to Jacob by bringing Jacob into the land safely (33:18). God has been faithful to us by caring for our deepest need: forgiving our sin by providing Jesus. What areas in your life display a lack of trust? How will you seek to display trust? Be specific.

PRAY

As you pursue God, pray that you would see beyond the circumstances and be able to focus on His faithfulness.