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COMING TO LIFE SERIES

A Commitment to God's **PATHWAY**

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER

"Committed to Receive God's Blessing"

Genesis 32:22-30

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- Jacob wasn't always trustworthy (Gen 27:21-24)
 - So there is hope. God works with ordinary people just like us (Gen 32:30)
 - But we must overcome apathy, Jacob wasn't perfect, but he had a real desire (Gen 32:26)
 - For God turns brokenness into a blessing (Gen 32:29)
 - And like Jacob, our name will be linked to God's Kingdom (Gen 32:28)

Initially, Jacob was a hopeless case. Selfish, cunning and deceitful. Do you/we ever write off difficult people too early? What is the lesson we need to learn? Is there someone that you need to be more gracious to?

Do you ever feel that you are not up to the task? Jacob, in all his weaknesses, is someone that God uses greatly. What can we take from this for ourselves? Why do we seem to doubt ourselves so much? Are you someone who compares yourself to others? Why is this so damaging?

Jacob was many things, but most importantly, he was totally committed to receiving God's blessing. God can use that. Apathy is such a danger for all of us. How do you overcome it and replace it with genuine desire? How is your level of desire to serve God right now? Has anything happened in the past that keeps haunting you and robbing you of that focus? How can you overcome it?

Jacob encountered God. His brokenness was revealed, but he left with God's blessing. Can you identify with this process? Can you share your own significant encounter with God?

We often read this introduction in the bible, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. What a change in Jacob's legacy. How do you respond to God's call on your life: amazingly, your name is also linked to His kingdom.



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