

## applying God's Word to life

## The LORD is Here! March 29, 2020

## Genesis 28:10-17

<sup>10</sup>Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. <sup>11</sup>When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. <sup>12</sup>He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup>There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. <sup>14</sup>Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. <sup>15</sup>I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

<sup>16</sup>When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." <sup>17</sup>He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

- 1. For background, read Genesis 27:1-28:9. What are two reasons Jacob left Beersheba?
- 2. What emotions might you be experiencing if you were in Jacob's sandals?

3. What parallels do you see between Jacob's situation in life and your situation in life? 4. What parallels do you see between Jacob's state of mind and your state of mind? 5. Is Jacob's dream the source of the Led Zeppelin classic rock ballad? 6. Why do you think God said what he did to Jacob? 7. Have you ever had an "aha" moment when you suddenly realized that God was with you? Share it. 8. Agree/disagree: God is with everyone. 9. Think of a promise that God has made to you in his Word. What effect does that promise have on your heart/life?

10. What "good" have you already seen God work through the

coronavirus crisis?