Being Responsible

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INTRODUCTION

- Throughout this weekend, we're going to be investigating the life of Jacob.
- What I want to talk about on this evening is being responsible.
- Being responsible is very important. Something that we have to learn from a very young age.

1 Jacob Was Responsible at the Well

Genesis 29:10

- We see that he had moments of responsibility, but we also see that he had moments of irresponsibility. But this text was chosen because we see him being responsible.
- He went over there and he moved the stone away from the well so that they could water the sheep. He was responsible.
- When we read the story of the Good Samaritan in the New Testament, Jesus is teaching a story about accountability and responsibility.
- We should never ask the question, what's going to happen to me if I help this person? We should always ask the question, what's going to happen to this person if we don't help them?

2 Who Is Jacob?

Genesis 32:22–32; Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:6

- Jacob is the son of Isaac and Rebekah. He is the grandson of Abraham and Sarah. He is also the twin brother of Esau.
- If Isaac had just gone by what he heard rather than how he felt, then he would have blessed the right child.
- Stop going by how you feel. Stop going by what you read, by what you hear, because it's the word of God and constantly hearing it is what produces faith.
- When Jacob feared his brother Esau after all these years, Jacob did something. Jacob prayed about it. He went to God in prayer about it.
- If you are faithful, if you do his will, if you are a worshiper of him, then he will hear you, and you will get a response.

3 Total Dependence Upon God

- It is through this theme park ride in life that teaches us two things. Number one, total dependence upon God.
- But if you have God on your side, he will never let you down.
- No matter what was going through his life, he always took time and found time to worship God.

- If you can get your life straight without Jesus, why do you need Jesus in the first place? Never abandon the Lord.

4 The Necessity of Being Responsible

- The word responsibility is defined as the state of being answerable or accountable for one's power, control, or management.
- The word responsibility is a compound word. It's two words, if you will. The word response and the word ability.
- If we have the ability to respond, then God holds us responsible.
- The responsible person does not blame other people for their failures and shortcomings.
- Because he had the relationship with God and because he was responsible, he experienced a name change.

5 Responsibility Begins With Wisdom

Proverbs 3:13; Proverbs 4:7; Proverbs 19:8

- The beginning of wisdom is this. Get wisdom. And whatever you get insight.
- Responsibility begins with wisdom. When it comes to wisdom, we must get it.
- Responsibility demands that we possess wisdom in all that we do. And not only do we possess it, but we must use it. A failure to do so is irresponsible.
- We need wisdom to find a good job, but we must be responsible to hold on to that job.
- Be responsible and listen to those who have traveled this road before you.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Be responsible. Choose to believe God's word. Choose to repent of your sins. Choose to confess Christ to be the Son of the living God. Choose to be baptized in water on tonight. Choose to remain faithful to Christ to the very end.**

MY NOTES