



Week 6: The Price of Partial Obedience

Despite being fully surrendered to God, Jacob's journey continues to be one of ups and downs. Genesis 34 is a tragic story that could have been avoided with simple obedience. But despite Jacob's disobedience, God meets him with grace. We have to live with the consequences of our decisions, but we don't have to sit in them. We can get up by the invitation and power of God to keep walking in obedience.

Discussion Questions:

1. **Read Genesis 34:1-31.**
2. Jacob was supposed to return to Bethel but stopped just short of that in Shechem. This decision leads to the tragic events of chapter 34. Every decision has consequences. As you reflect on your own journey, what are some decisions you've made that resulted in life-changing consequences, either good or bad?
3. Where have you stopped just short of full obedience to God? What was the result? How can we ensure that we live lives of full obedience?
4. Where have you seen God's blessing in your obedience? On the contrary, where have you seen disaster play out in your disobedience?
5. Simeon and Levi's response to the injustice done to Dinah was extreme vengeance. How can we balance the desire for justice with the call to respond righteously?
6. **Read Genesis 35:1.** How does God meet Jacob in his fear and discouragement? What does this tell us about God? Are you sitting the consequences of a bad decision that you need to "get up" from? How can the group help you move forward in obedience?