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Faith Changes You: Lessons from Jacob

Discussion Guide | June 9, 2019

Hebrews 11:21 and Genesis 25-33

Questions for Study and Discussion

1. Describe someone you know whose faith in Jesus has changed them in key ways (this change may have happened gradually, or it may have happened more dramatically).
2. Briefly review what you know about the life of Jacob. (This may mean recalling stories from his life as a group, or scanning Genesis 25-33 and identifying some big take-aways.) What stands out to you about Jacob?
3. What words would you use to describe Jacob's personality earlier in his life? What sins and struggles do you see in him? Use Scriptures to support your answer.
4. Toward the end of Jacob's story in Genesis, we see ways God – and Jacob's faith in God – has transformed him.
 - What does Genesis 32:10 indicate about Jacob's view of himself? How has this changed from what you know of Jacob earlier in his life?
 - What does Genesis 32:1-3 (especially v. 3) indicate about Jacob's view of others, in his transformation from selfish to sacrificing? (For a little more context about the hostility Jacob expected when meeting his brother Esau, see Genesis 32:11.)
 - Read Genesis 32:9-10; 32:22-32; and Genesis 33:20. What do we learn about Jacob's relationship with God?
5. What do you learn about God in the story of Jacob? How do these truths about God invite you to lean into His transforming grace in your life?
6. In what ways has God – and your faith in God – transformed your own life?
7. Why is it important to moldable by God – letting him continue changing you from the inside out? What makes this hard?
8. In what ways does the truth of the gospel – what Jesus has done for you on the cross – invite God's transforming activity in your own life?
9. Are there specific, practical ways you sense God wants you to change personally, in line with His Word? What steps can you take this week to lean into that change and let God's transforming grace shape your life?
10. **Challenge: Memorize Hebrews 11:1-2:** 1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for.