

Dig Deeper @Home – “Seeking by Sharing”

Complement to lesson on 3/22/26 – “Proclaiming His Protection”

ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. Where did you experience protection this week? Share and then offer thanksgiving to God for this protection. (I was protected from rain while I slept)
2. Have a thumb war battle with someone, best out of 3.

MEMORIZE – Matthew 6: 32-33

For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

READ – Read Genesis 32

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. Re-scan the text and consider...
 - a. What did the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read?
 - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared? (If so... why might that be?)
 - c. What in these verses is interesting? What is confusing?
 - d. What are the verses revealing about God? What are the verses saying about people?
 - e. In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. Where in this narrative do you see Jacob acting from faith? Where do you see Him acting from fear? Look in your own life. Where are you acting from faith for God’s protection? Where are you acting from fear and scheming on how to protect yourself?
3. Re-read verses 22-30. What is going on here? How does this fit into the narrative of Jacob’s life? Who was Jacob wrestling with and why? What is the result?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Keep Sharing!

Sharing your faith might not be as hard as you think. This week, put intentional thought into how the Lord has protected you in the last year, then share it. Start simple, by sharing it with someone close to you (spouse, brother / sister, close friend), but then pray about who else the Holy Spirit may direct you to share with as well. If we have eyes to see and ears to hear, who know what opportunities the Lord might provide!

For an added opportunity, if you have children, nieces or nephews, think about how God provided protection to you when you were their age and then tell them the story.

SING (or listen to)

Whom Shall I Fear - <https://youtu.be/qOkImV2cJDg?si=wabzA2vsdYoIEBj9>

And Can it Be - https://youtu.be/th7PfDoRmaM?si=zKcUIXFn1d_Mmjc

A Mighty Fortress is our God – Mennonite Hymnal #325

Great Is Thy Faithfulness – Mennonite Hymnal #534

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us, for this week.

Sending prayer based on the message:

Lord, I thank You for the countless ways You protect me each day. Forgive me for the times I take Your blessings for granted. Give me courage to share Your provision and protection with others, and may doing so draw us both closer to You.