

# GOD'S UNFAILING DELIVERANCE

## Genesis 31:1-55

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### Purpose of This Guide

Genesis 31 shows Jacob learning to recognize, trust, and act on God's unfailing deliverance. This guide helps the group trace God's faithfulness through Jacob's testimony, departure, rebuke, and charitable covenant with Laban, then consider where trusting God's presence and promises should shape our own response to pressure, fear, conflict, and uncertainty.

### Key Text - Genesis 31:3 (ESV)

*"Then the LORD said to Jacob, 'Return to the land of your fathers and to your kindred, and I will be with you.'"*

## Part 1: Opening Questions

### Getting the Group Thinking

1. What makes it hard to obey God when you know the right next step but the circumstances still feel risky?

## Part 2: Study Questions (Engaging the Text)

### SECTION A: JACOB'S TESTIMONY AND DEPARTURE (VV. 4-25a)

2. Read Genesis 31:4-9. What does Jacob say God has done, and how is that different from taking credit for his own cleverness?

3. How do the promises of Genesis 12:2-3 and 28:15 help explain what is happening in Genesis 31?
4. Read Luke 5:5 and Genesis 31:3. Compare how Peter and Jacob acting on God's word when experience, fear, or circumstances suggest a different course?
5. Read Acts 18:9-11 alongside Genesis 31:10-13. What similarities do you see between God's words to Paul and His words to Jacob? What do these passages teach us about God's awareness of our circumstances and His direction for us in the midst of them?

#### **SECTION B: JACOB'S REBUKE AND CHARITY (VV. 25b-55)**

6. Read Genesis 31:25-42. What do Laban's accusations and Jacob's response reveal about the mistrust between them? As Jacob recounts twenty years of service and conflict, where does he ultimately place the reason he was not sent away empty-handed?
7. Read Genesis 31:43-55. After all the conflict, what is significant about Jacob agreeing to a covenant and shared boundary with Laban?

### Part 3: Application Questions

## Living It Out

8. Where are you most tempted right now to rely on your own strategy instead of recognizing and trusting God's faithful provision?
9. Is there a step of faithfulness and obedience you know God is calling you to take even though the circumstances still feel uncertain or costly?