

# Sermon notes:

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## At The All Inclusive Resort

4th in the series, "Lessons from a con man –

### Passage: **Genesis 28:**

So, Isaac called for Jacob and blessed him. Then he commanded him: "Do not marry a Canaanite woman. <sup>2</sup> Go at once to Paddan Aram, to the house of your mother's father Bethuel. Take a wife for yourself there, from among the daughters of Laban, your mother's brother. <sup>3</sup> May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and increase your numbers until you become a community of peoples. <sup>4</sup> May he give you and your descendants the blessing given to Abraham, so that you may take possession of the land where you now reside as a foreigner, the land God gave to Abraham." <sup>5</sup> Then Isaac sent Jacob on his way, and he went to Paddan Aram, to Laban son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, who was the mother of Jacob and Esau.

<sup>6</sup> Now Esau learned that Isaac had blessed Jacob and had sent him to Paddan Aram to take a wife from there, and that when he blessed him he commanded him, "Do not marry a Canaanite woman," <sup>7</sup> and that Jacob had obeyed his father and mother and had gone to Paddan Aram. <sup>8</sup> Esau then realized how displeasing the Canaanite women were to his father Isaac; <sup>9</sup> so he went to Ishmael and married Mahalath, the sister of Nebaioth and daughter of Ishmael son of Abraham, in addition to the wives he already had.

### **Jacob's Dream at Bethel**

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. <sup>11</sup> When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. <sup>12</sup> He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> There above it stood the Lord, and he said: "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. <sup>14</sup> Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. <sup>15</sup> I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

<sup>16</sup> When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it." <sup>17</sup> He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

<sup>18</sup> Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. <sup>19</sup> He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

<sup>20</sup> Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear <sup>21</sup> so that I return safely to my father’s household, then the Lord will be my God <sup>22</sup> and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God’s house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth.”

### **Jacob Was Not Searching For God**

Genesis 27:46- <sup>46</sup> Then Rebekah said to Isaac, “I’m disgusted with living because of these Hittite women. If Jacob takes a wife from among the women of this land, from Hittite women like these, my life will not be worth living.”

### **Jacob Encountered God**

Psalm 23:4 (ASV) - Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;  
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

## **Jacob Tried to Negotiate A Deal**

### **Implications**

God Comes to Undeserving People

God's Presence Is the Best Thing We Could Have

## God Is At Work In Our Lives

**Hebrews 13:5-** <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;  
never will I forsake you.”

**Philippians 4:19-** <sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

**Philippians 4:7-** <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**John 14:27-** <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

**John 16:33-** <sup>33</sup> “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

# Sparrows

## Verse 1

You can't add a single day by worrying  
You'll worry your life away  
Oh don't worry your life away  
You can't change a single thing by freaking out  
It's just going to close you in  
Oh don't let the trouble win

## Pre-Chorus

You may feel alone  
But you're not on your own

## Chorus

Lalala Lalalala  
If He can hold the world He can hold this moment  
Lalala Lalalala  
Not a field or flower escapes His notice  
Oh even the sparrow knows  
He holds tomorrow  
Lalala Lalalala (2X)

## Verse 2

Lean in and it's hard to miss  
Everything can change  
When you make it His  
Oh He wants to carry it  
Carefree in the care of God  
When you let it go  
You'll find that He's enough  
Oh you never leave His love

You don't walk alone

## Bridge

There's not a single star that's out of place  
There's nothing broken He can't remake

If you long for hope when you're afraid  
Oh look at the sparrow

## By Your Side

### Verse 1

Why are you striving these days  
Why are you trying to earn grace  
Why are you crying  
Let Me lift up your face  
Just don't turn away

### Verse 2

Why are you looking for love  
Why are you still searching as if I'm not enough  
To where will you go child  
Tell Me where will you run  
To where will you run

### Chorus 1

'Cause I'll be by your side  
Wherever you fall  
In the dead of night  
Whenever you call  
And please don't fight these hands  
That are holding you  
And My hands are holding you

### Verse 3

Look at these hands and My side  
They swallowed the grave on that night  
When I drank the world's sin  
So I could carry you in  
And give you life I want to give you life

### Chorus 2

And I'll be by your side  
Wherever you fall  
In the dead of night  
Whenever you call  
And please don't fight these hands  
That are holding you  
And My hands are holding you  
Here at My side  
Wherever you fall  
In the dead of night  
Whenever you call  
And please don't fight these hands  
That are holding you  
And My hands are holding you

### Bridge

'Cause I I love you  
I want you to know  
That I I love you  
I'll never let you go  
Lord Lord

### Ending

Here at My side  
My hands are holding you

## Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

### Verse 1

You call me out upon the waters  
The great unknown where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery  
In oceans deep my faith will stand

### Chorus 1

And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise

My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine

### Verse 2

Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me  
You've never failed and You won't start now

### Interlude

Oh and You are mine oh

### Bridge

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders  
Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Saviour

### Interlude

Yeah yeah yeah yeah  
Oh Jesus yeah my God

### Chorus 2

I will call upon Your name  
Keep my eyes above the waves  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
I am Yours and You are mine