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It is always good to pause on a journey and remember where we came from?

This activity gives us some perspective on the progress that has been made.

Looking at what we have been should not become a full time preoccupation.

Looking back should be a measuring system and not a goal.

The story of Jacob is a revelation of change.

He had been a deceiver.

He was running for his life.

He had cheated and defrauded his brother and deceived his father.

He was full of cunning deception.

After running to the point of physical and emotional exhaustion, he is exposed to an open heaven, at Bethel.

God revealed His glory.

Heaven and earth meet.

God is revealed to man.

God's purpose is revealed.

Jacob is not able understand God's purposes and revelation.

It took twenty years of his life for the man to come back to Bethel as Israel.

What Jacob found at Bethel, God wants to do for us in Jesus Christ.

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This is revealed to us in many ways both Biblically, and practically.

The introduction of Nathanael to the Lord Jesus Christ helps us see what God has in store for those who come to Jesus Christ.

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***Do you see what Jesus was saying?
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Bethel was a place where heaven was opened and God was revealed.

In Jesus Christ, God is coming down and the glory of God is revealed.

When we come to Jesus Christ we leave the natural life and find heaven opened.

In Christ Jesus the glory of God is revealed, and we are changed.

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Before Jacob could understand, appreciate, and take it in, he had to be changed.

The deceiver had to go.

The false and the fraud had to be replaced with the true.

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2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV
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Have you been made new?

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The cross of Christ affects the opening of heaven.

The baptism of Jesus was symbolic of death and resurrection life.

After Jesus came out of the water, the Holy Spirit came on Him in the form of a dove.

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He is making the values, power, and life of Jesus Christ real in us.

The mark of the new life, in Christ Jesus, is the power of the Holy Spirit in us.

This precludes (shuts out) the former life.

This opens up a new world of possibilities and new realities.

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It is great knowing the great doctrines of the Bible.

You need to know about regeneration, redemption, atonement, righteousness, faith, and sanctification.

After we have studied all of the great doctrines and have worked out in our mind, we still must deal with the reality of Christ in you.

Beyond the doctrine of it, and the training, we must know that Jesus Christ is in us.

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What do I mean?

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This is the mark of the anointed life.

It is more than an intellectual knowledge of Christ, it is the vibrant, powerful Spirit of God, working and living in you.

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This wonderful work of the Holy Spirit is an inward revelation of Christ in an ever increasing fullness of life.

We all need a new movement toward the Lord.

In Christ, you and I may know this powerful work and presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

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Have you found the path of life?

That path leads into God's presence.

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Pay particular attention to these words: “when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away”

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The influences of the Holy Spirit are many and powerful.

When the Holy Spirit comes in and fills us, He will affect and govern our lives.

God the Holy Spirit will not be passive in our lives.

He is busy conforming and transforming us into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

He will take us into a deeper dimension with Christ.