**ONLY ONE FEAR NEEDED**

**(Genesis 31 and 32)**

1. **GOD BECKONS HIS OWN (Gen.31:1-32:21)**
2. To return (Gen.31)

Key verse: v.31 “Because I was afraid”…….fear of Laban

1. To reconcile (Gen.32:1-21)

Provision v.1-2 (2 Kings 19:35)

Predicament:

Plan: v.3-6

Prayer v.9-12

Plan continued v.13-21

Key verse: v.7 “Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed!”…fear of Esau

1. **GOD BREAKS HIS OWN (Gen.32:22-32)**
2. Jacob trembling
3. Jacob wrestling
4. Jacob clinging
5. Jacob limping

There are many lessons from the life of Jacob! From Genesis 32:1-21)….PLEASE TAKE TIME TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

James Boice writes:

“There are many Jacobs within the company of the Christian church today. They are people who have sinned in major ways in the past and are now immobilized by this past failure. They feel weak and inadequate when they should be marching forward as servants of the King of Kings. Donald Grey Barnhouse wrote to such people:

“You who read this have some name for your fears. Stop right now and cease to rationalize your fears. Ask God to turn you inside out and deliver you from what you have excused as an inferiority complex. As though a child of God, destined to sit upon the throne of God, and to be like the Son of God, should be filled with anguish at the memory of some sin long thrust out of sight which is not clamoring for recognition!” You should recognize that God has forgiven you for your sin and has even sent forth His angels as “ministering spirits…to serve those who will inherit salvation” (Heb.1:14.

Will you spend time asking the Lord to examine your heart, reveal any and all fears that have crept in, confess them, and repent (handing them over to the Lord)….choosing to FEAR ONLY HIM! This is important and needed for all of us!