

Re-Engaging God: Getting Back to Bethel

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"No one naturally moves towards wholeness or holiness."

"All who remain engaged have learned to re-engage."



(in _____)

CASE STUDY IN THE LIFE OF JACOB

Family of Jacob....

"Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Genesis 28:15

Re-engaging faith is not about fixing the past. It's about noticing God's hand. God can, has and still does bless us when we least deserve it.

We re-engage faith when we choose to be WITH God, and not just NEAR God.

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Genesis 28:16–17

It is worth noting... when we meet with God.

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Genesis 28:18–19a

RE-ENGAGING WITH GOD... JACOB STYLE

1. Remove all distractions and false gods.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal."

Matthew 6:19–20

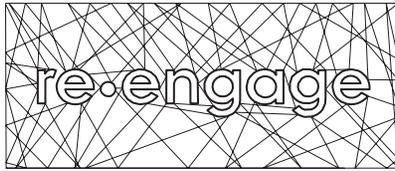
2. Return to the last clear calling I had from God.

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

Deuteronomy 6:4–7

3. Take steps to re-main in Bethel.

My next step to re-engage God and return to Bethel is:



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