

## Genesis 31:36-55

<sup>36</sup>Then Jacob became angry, and upbraided Laban. Jacob said to Laban, "What is my offense? What is my sin, that you have hotly pursued me? <sup>37</sup>Although you have felt about through all my goods, what have you found of all your household goods? Set it here before my kinsfolk and your kinsfolk, so that they may decide between us two. <sup>38</sup>These twenty years I have been with you; your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried, and I have not eaten the rams of your flocks. <sup>39</sup>That which was torn by wild beasts I did not bring to you; I bore the loss of it myself; of my hand you required it, whether stolen by day or stolen by night. <sup>40</sup>It was like this with me: by day the heat consumed me, and the cold by night, and my sleep fled from my eyes. <sup>41</sup>These twenty years I have been in your house; I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you have changed my wages ten times. <sup>42</sup>If the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had not been on my side, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. God saw my affliction and the labor of my hands, and rebuked you last night."

<sup>43</sup>Then Laban answered and said to Jacob, "The daughters are my daughters, the children are my children, the flocks are my flocks, and all that you see is mine. But what can I do today about these daughters of mine, or about their children whom they have borne? <sup>44</sup>Come now, let us make a covenant, you and I; and let it be a witness between you and me." <sup>45</sup>So Jacob took a stone, and set it up as a pillar. <sup>46</sup>And Jacob said to his kinsfolk, "Gather stones," and they took stones, and made a heap; and they ate there by the heap. <sup>47</sup>Laban called it Jegar-sahadutha: but Jacob called it Galeed. <sup>48</sup>Laban said, "This heap is a witness between you and me today." Therefore he called it Galeed, <sup>49</sup>and the pillar Mizpah, for he said, "The LORD watch between you and me, when we are absent one from the other. <sup>50</sup>If you ill-treat my daughters, or if you take wives in addition to my daughters, though no one else is with us, remember that God is witness between you and me." <sup>51</sup>Then Laban said to Jacob, "See this heap and see the pillar, which I have set between you and me. <sup>52</sup>This heap is a witness, and the pillar is a witness, that I will not pass beyond this heap to you, and you will not pass beyond this heap and this pillar to me, for

harm. <sup>53</sup>May the God of Abraham and the God of Nahor" —the God of their father—"judge between us." So Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac, <sup>54</sup>and Jacob offered a sacrifice on the height and called his kinsfolk to eat bread; and they ate bread and tarried all night in the hill country. <sup>55</sup>Early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his grandchildren and his daughters and blessed them; then he departed and returned home.

### **Genesis 32:22-33:12**

<sup>22</sup>The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

<sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. <sup>32</sup>Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

**33** Now Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two maids. <sup>2</sup>He put the maids with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. <sup>3</sup>He himself went on ahead of them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near his brother. <sup>4</sup>But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.

<sup>5</sup>When Esau looked up and saw the women and children, he said, "Who are these with you?" Jacob said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant." <sup>6</sup>Then the maids drew near, they and their children, and bowed down; <sup>7</sup>Leah likewise and her children drew near and bowed down; and finally Joseph and Rachel drew near, and they bowed down. <sup>8</sup>Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company that I met?" Jacob answered, "To find favor with my lord." <sup>9</sup>But Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself." <sup>10</sup>Jacob said, "No, please; if I find favor with you, then accept my present from my hand; for truly to see your face is like seeing the face of God—since you have received me with such favor. <sup>11</sup>Please accept my gift that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have everything I want." So he urged him, and he took it. <sup>12</sup>Then Esau said, "Let us journey on our way, and I will go alongside you."

## **Matthew 5:21-26; 38-48**

<sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>38</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ <sup>39</sup>But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; <sup>40</sup>and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; <sup>41</sup>and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. <sup>42</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

<sup>43</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup>But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup>For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup>Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.