

Midweek Study Lesson Questions 02/11/2026

Sunday February 8, 2026

STONE PILLOWS AND A STAIRCASE, Genesis 28:10-17

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I. Getting to Know “Yourself”

How does God’s presence transform your perception of your lonely places?

Explain the following points from Sunday’s sermon.

Loneliness. –

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Ascension. –

Awakening. -

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Observation Question

In Genesis 28:10-11, what details does the text give us about Jacob's situation and his comfort level as he "lighted upon a certain place"?

Interpretation Question

The sermon stated, "The miracle was not that Jacob climbed, but that God descended." How does the imagery of the ladder with angels *ascending and descending* (Genesis 28:12) illustrate God's initiative and grace in meeting us where we are?

Application Question

"Stillness invites divine revelation." In our busy lives, how can you practically cultivate a "disciplined opening of attention to God's subtle work" or "practicing silence" this week, even for a few minutes, to invite God's voice into your day?

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Hebrews 13:5 (NKJV) Let your conduct *be* without covetousness; *be* content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU."

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[1 Kings 19:9](#)

And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? 10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. 11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: 12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Key Takeaways

- Loneliness is often spiritual preparation

Loneliness strips away false security and exposes the heart's readiness to learn. In those unnamed places identity shifts from inherited status to tested reliance. Rather than evidence of abandonment, solitude can be the classroom where vocation is clarified and character is forged.

- Grace descends to our emptiness

God's initiative meets the hollowed-out parts of life; the ladder reaches down, not up. Angels moving on that ladder show a mercy that is intentional and operational, not merely theoretical. Expect deliverance to begin where you feel least equipped, because God's architecture favors descent.

- Stillness invites divine revelation

Jacob received vision in a posture of rest; Elijah heard God in the quiet after catastrophe. Stillness is not passivity but a disciplined opening of attention to God's subtle work. Practicing silence creates space where the Spirit can translate suffering into insight.

- Perception reveals God more than place

Jacob woke to a new theology, not a new landscape; revelation reorients how we see ordinary things. Holy ground is created by an encounter, not by coordinates. Cultivating

eyes that notice God's presence in hardship changes stones into pillars and exile into altar.