



"Jacob"

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### Hebrews 12:1

God uses \_\_\_\_\_ as the conduit to flow His power and blessings into our lives and families.

### Five Lessons to Prayer

1. God releases blessings into our lives through p\_\_\_\_\_.  
**James 1:5**  
**Matthew 16:18**
2. Sometimes the blessings of God are released through p\_\_\_\_\_ p\_\_\_\_\_.
3. The blessings of God are not obtained by our m\_\_\_\_\_.  
**James 4:2**
4. God is himself the p\_\_\_\_\_ b\_\_\_\_\_ we seek.
5. We know that God hears us because He became w\_\_\_\_\_ for us.

## Small Group Discussion Questions

### Ice Breaker

Recall a time when you outsmarted a sibling or a friend. Jacob fathered 12 sons who became the heads of the 12 tribes of Israel. As a young man, Jacob was a liar, cheater and a manipulator. He struggled with God his entire life. The turning point for Jacob came after a dramatic, all night wrestling match with God. In the end, the Lord touched Jacob's hip and he was a broken man. He was also a new man. God renamed him Israel, which means "he struggles with God."

### Opening Question

What stood out to you from the weekend message? Was there a scripture, principle or action step that has stuck with you?

### Scripture

Read Hebrews 11:9

- What was the promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob?

Read Genesis 27:41 – 28:9

- In addition to the threats from Esau, why was Jacob sent away?
- What is the significance of Issac's blessing on Jacob?

Read Genesis 28:10-22

- Why would this have been a good time for God to appear to Jacob?
- What was God's purpose for the dream?
- In what ways do you think this encounter with God was a turning point for Jacob's?
- What are some ways God uses to get your attention?
- How have you seen God encourage you after you have "blown it"?

Waiting on God is not easy, but the end result is worth it. It can be difficult, but trusting that He is in control and that His timing has a purpose can result in greater faith for the future.

- Think of a time when life doesn't go as you had hoped, and you didn't like the way you responded. How could you have responded differently that would have reflected more trust in God's timing?

### Application

What can you do or attempt this week to become more trusting and reliant on God this week?

### Pray