

## **Bible Study Worksheet: Jacob – A Hero of Faith**

**Text:** Hebrews 11:21; Genesis 25–50

**Focus Verse:** “*Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.*” – Colossians 3:2 (NIV)

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### **Overview of Study**

Jacob’s journey of faith is long, complex, and full of both struggle and surrender. While flawed, he became the father of Israel and lived a life marked by faith, perseverance, and trust in God's timing. This lesson explores how Jacob's choices and focus made him a true hero of faith.

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### **Key Points**

#### **1. Jacob Focused on What Was Important**

- Esau chose urgency (his hunger), Jacob chose significance (the birthright).
- Jacob understood spiritual leadership mattered more than immediate needs.

#### **2. Jacob Committed Fully to God**

- Despite being surrounded by idolatry, Jacob remained faithful.
- He made a vow to tithe and honor God upon his return, and he fulfilled it.

#### **3. Jacob Waited Patiently for God’s Will**

- He worked 20 years before returning home, trusting God’s timing.
- He endured deception and delay without losing faith.

#### **4. Jacob Maintained Integrity Despite Mistreatment**

- Laban cheated him repeatedly, yet Jacob responded with honesty.
  - He remained obedient to God’s will, regardless of how others acted.
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### **Reflective Questions**

- What does Jacob’s story teach me about God’s timing and delays in my life?

- Have I ever chosen urgency over spiritual significance? What was the result?
  - Am I remaining faithful in a place or season I don't understand?
  - In what ways am I tempted to compromise when others treat me unfairly?
  - What commitment have I made to God—and have I followed through?
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## Action Steps

### 1. Evaluate Your Focus

Write down three things that are currently taking up most of your energy. Are they urgent, or important?

### 2. Practice Patience

Identify one area where you're waiting on God. Commit to trusting His timeline this week.

### 3. Honor God with Integrity

Choose to do what's right this week, even if others around you don't.

### 4. Tithe Your Time

Dedicate 10% of your time this week to intentional worship, prayer, or service.

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## Conclusion

Jacob wasn't perfect—but he was faithful. His life reminds us that God uses those who stay the course, honor His word, and trust in His plan. Like Jacob, we can become heroes of faith when we focus on what's eternal, follow God's will regardless of others, and commit to living a life of worship and obedience.