



Week 22

Women's Bible Study - Genesis 32-33

God instructed Jacob to return the land of his fathers and to his relatives. One of those relatives was Esau, his brother. If we remember in chapter 27-28 Jacob fled for his life after tricking Esau for his birthright and Isaac for Esau's blessing.

We just read in chapter 31 that Jacob fled from Laban, when according to the timing of God, He instructs Jacob to go back to the land of your fathers and to your relatives.

As Jacob anticipates meeting Esau, a time when Jacob needed God the most, God reveals His angels camped with Jacob, therefore, Jacob says *"This is the camp of God! So he named that place Mahanaim.* Mahanaim (makh-an-ah'-yim)", meaning, two camps or double camp. Jacob was not alone; God gave him a camp of angels to be with him. A visible reminder of God's divine protection.

Observation

1. How did Jacob prepare for his meeting with Esau, what was his strategy? ([32:1-21](#))

2. *What is the state of Jacob's heart, what changes do you see?*

3. What were the important elements of Jacob's prayer, what was disappointing to you?

4. Who wrestled with whom 32:22-32?



5. What do you find surprising in chapter 33?

Interpretation

6. What was God doing with Jacob in 32:22-32?

7. Why did God change Jacob's name?

8. Why did Jacob go to Succoth, what seems to be amiss?

Application

9. Do you trust in your own ability to do things and make things happen apart from God? or do you surrender yourself to truly trusting in God's promise of protection?