

**HOW TO BE RESTORED WITH THE LORD
BACK TO BETHEL
Genesis 35:1-29**

- I. Realize...**THE LORD OFTEN USES DIFFICULTIES TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO LISTEN TO HIS WORD** in relation to where we have strayed: **“Then...” (1)**

- II. Understand...**RESTORATION HAPPENS IN THE CONTEXT OF A RENEWED DEVOTION AND COMMITMENT TO OBEDIENCE** in relation to where we have strayed **(2-7)**
 - A. **To be restored we must remove everything which would pull us from a full devotion to the Lord:** Jacob rids his household from idols without being told (2-4)

 - B. **To be restored we need to fully obey the Lord** in relation to where we have strayed: Jacob obeys, going to Bethel and building an altar (5-7)

- III. Know...**RESTORATION WILL BE EVIDENCED BY A FURTHER LISTENING TO HIS WORD, A WORSHIPFUL RESPONSE and FURTHER OBEDIENCE**, even in the midst of great sorrow and trouble (8-22a)
 - A. In the context of sorrow (Deborah’s death), **the Lord reassures Jacob with His Word** and he responds in worship and further obedience (8-15)

 - B. In the context of sorrow (Rachel’s death), **Jacob continues to obey, journeying from Bethel** (16-21)
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 - C. In the context of trouble (Reuben’s wicked rebellion), **Israel continues to obey, eventually coming to his father house** (22a, 27)

- IV. Realize...as we obey **THE LORD WILL FULFILL HIS PROMISES: Jacob and all the tribes are in the land and as Isaac dies, Jacob officially inherits the promises (22b-29)**