

**RESCUE AND RESURRECTION**

Genesis 34:1—36:43

*“Then God said to Jacob, ‘Go up to Bethel and settle there, and build an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you were fleeing from your brother Esau.’”* Genesis 35:1

1. Read Genesis 34:1–31. Where has Jacob chosen to pitch his tents? (Genesis 33:18) Where had God directed him to go? (Genesis 31:3; 32:9; 35:27)
2. What happens to Dinah in Shechem? (verse 2) What does this tell us about Jacob’s decision to settle in the Canaanite city of Shechem?
3. Actions are an outgrowth of what is going on in the heart (Titus 1:15–16). Fill in this chart to examine the hearts of the characters in Genesis 34.

	Actions	Motivations
Shechem		
Hamor		
Jacob		
Simeon/Levi		
Men of Shechem		

4. There are two father/son relationships portrayed in this passage. Compare the ways that Jacob and Hamor interact with their sons. How are the fathers partially responsible for what happens?
5. Our desire to protect and please family and friends can often lead to trouble. Share your own experience with this.
6. Count the number of times God is mentioned in Chapter 34. What’s the significance of this?

7. Read Genesis 35:1–29. As chapter 35 opens what does God command Jacob to do? What does Jacob direct his household to do so they can meet with God? (verse 2)
  
8. What do we need to do before we meet with God? (Psalm 24:3–4; Hebrews 10:19–22)
  
9. Despite all that has happened, God reaffirms his covenant with Jacob. What does this reveal about God's character? (Deuteronomy 7:6–9; Ephesians 2:4–9)
  
10. Who dies in Chapter 35? (verses 8, 19, 29) Death is a part of life for us also; how does God comfort believers who have lost a loved one? (Psalm 23:4, 1 Thessalonians 4:13–17)
  
11. Who is present at Isaac's burial and why is this significant? (verse 29)
  
12. Read Genesis 36:1–43. Esau fathers a whole nation (Edom) that is not part of the covenant. How is Edom a partial fulfillment of God's promises? (Genesis 17:6, 16) What hope do those outside of the covenant have? (Galatians 3:26–29; Ephesians 2:19–20)