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Praying Through Genesis 28:10-22

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for continuing to graciously work through Jacob as You promised despite his greed for gain and deception when he stole Esau's blessing. Father, You did not condemn Him and cast him aside, but You chose to forgive him, teach him to sin no more, and work through him. Father, through our study of Your Word, please increase our faith in You and in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As You continued to work through Jacob, we pray that You will continue to work through us, for we confess that we have sinned many times and we often fall short of glorifying You as You deserve. When we sin, please forgive us and help us turn from all our sins; then, we hope and pray that You can more easily use us as willing servants to share our faith in Jesus Christ and Your Word with others — to truly bless others as You bless all peoples according to Your promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Lord Jesus, we may not see angels with our eyes, but we may have entertained angels unawares. We know from Your Word that You often send angels to help us, our families, and our church homes. By Your Spirit, please help us be ever more thankful to You for the many promises and blessings that we have received, both seen and unseen, from Your Hand.

Lord Jesus, You are an awesome God, and even with our experiences with You and our knowledge of Your words in the Bible we cannot fully describe or explain to others who You are, what You do, and what You have promised. Your Holy Spirit can do what we cannot do. So, please help us learn more from Your Word so we can more easily point people to the truths in the Bible that they can learn directly from You. As followers of Jesus Christ, please help us be true houses of God that You indwell. May we show forth the fruit of the Holy Spirit, so all we say and do can be used by You to draw others to You. In Your Name and for the sake of Your coming Kingdom and Return, we pray. Amen.

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