

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS



Attention all regular attendees of New Life!

We are publishing a new Photo Directory in celebration of our **50th Anniversary**. We hope to include every household in the directory.

Select days: Feb 17 - Mar 1 / Library Room

To reserve a time, use the link below to book the best time for you. Once you sign up, you will receive an email confirmation.

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This is also an opportunity to update your **family photo**, get a **group photo**, or a **professional head-shot**. Photo purchases are completely optional.

New Life members Drew & Sarah Kittredge have put together a relaxed and simple plan to have your photos taken. Afterward, if you desire, they will provide a **link** to purchase photos through an online selection process.



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For Reflection and Discussion

Week of February 16, 2025

"Prosperity and Providence"

Genesis 30:25-43

Read Genesis 30:25-43

1. In verses 25-26, Jacob wants to end his service to Laban and return home. He needs Laban's agreement, or he may not be able to bring his wives and children. What is Jacob's motivation for this, according to the end of verse 30?

Can you share a time when you had to make a difficult career or financial decision to provide for yourself or your family? What made it difficult, and how did you see God at work in the process?

2. What is Laban's response to the request, according to verses 27-28?

What does this teach us about the value of Jacob to Laban? What does Jacob say in verse 29 to show that Laban is accurate in his understanding?

How would applying a verse like Colossians 3:23-24 to our work make us similarly invaluable? How would you rate the benefit you bring your employer or your home?

3. What deal does Jacob propose regarding his wages in verses 31-34? The animals he proposes ownership over would be a small minority of the overall flocks. Why do you think he would propose such an arrangement?
4. In verses 35-36, we see Laban working to cheat Jacob out of what he agreed to. What does Jacob's response (or lack of response) (in verses 37-42) to Laban's actions show about his character?

In this life we will suffer and still need to move forward in faithfulness to Christ. Have you ever been taken advantage of and needed to press forward despite the opposition you faced?

5. In verses 37-42, we read how Jacob managed his flocks. In Genesis 31:10-12, we read how that God was involved with this decision, and with God's prosperity. What Jacob did was strange, but he did it in response to God's guidance.

Have you ever had to follow God's commands in a way that seemed countercultural or irrational by the world's standards? How did that experience shape your faith?

What does Jesus say about this in Matthew 6:25-34?

6. What is the connection between hard work, wisdom, integrity, and God's blessing?

What does Colossians 3:23-24 say about this?

7. What are practical ways you can demonstrate hard work, wisdom, and integrity in your workplace, home, or daily responsibilities?
8. How can we pursue financial success while keeping our hearts from greed? What safeguards (e.g., giving, accountability, contentment) help us honor God with wealth? Consider 1 Timothy 6:17-19, Matthew 6:25-34, Matthew 19:21-22.
9. Jacob's ultimate goal was to return to the Promised Land, not just to accumulate wealth. As Christians, we seek something greater—our eternal home in Christ (Hebrews 11:13-16). How does this passage challenge us to prioritize kingdom-minded living over worldly success?
10. How can you apply this passage to your life?

Pray for wisdom in stewarding God's blessings, diligence in our work, and a heart that seeks His kingdom first. Ask God to reveal any areas where we are relying too much on money, security, or human schemes instead of trusting His provision.