



**The 50<sup>th</sup> Missions Conference**  
is almost here – March 2-30, 2025!

We are grateful for those of you who have asked, “How can I help or be involved?”

Here are some opportunities 😊

- Children’s Sunday School –  
4-6 adults per Sunday
- Children’s Sunday evening  
Missions Story time -  
*For reading*  
2 adults needed per Sunday  
*(except Super Sunday)*

*All lesson plans or materials provided.*

Sign up or speak *with* Hannah Reed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in helping with:

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# 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 to have your photo taken, use the link below to access a simple online system to book the best time for you. Once you sign up, you will receive an email confirmation.

[www.kittcreative.com/directory](http://www.kittcreative.com/directory)

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 you with an **link** to purchase photos through an online selection process.

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## For Reflection and Discussion

*Week of February 23, 2025*

### **“Genesis: Conflict and Covenant”**

**Genesis 31:1-55**

#### **Read Genesis 31:1-55**

1. Read Genesis 31:1-2. What signs indicate that Jacob’s relationship with Laban has changed? How do we discern when a relationship is no longer what it once was?
2. Read Genesis 31:3. God tells Jacob to return home. Why is it important to rely on God’s guidance when making major life decisions? What is the danger of making decisions through emotions? What steps can we take to seek God’s will in relational conflicts?
3. Read Genesis 31:4-16. Do you think there is something significant with Jacob seeking the agreement of Rachel and Leah before finalizing his decision? What does Proverbs 11:14 show us about seeking the input of others? Have you seen the need of working with others to understand God's will?
4. Read Genesis 31:17-21. Jacob finally leaves, but he does so in secret. What signs would show us we are in a relationship that cannot be reconciled, so that we need to cut ties?
5. Read Genesis 31:22-30. Laban pursues Jacob, claiming he would have sent him off with a celebration. What warning did God give to Laban? Do you think Laban's words were sincere? What would make them questionable?
6. Read Genesis 31:31-35. Jacob defends his integrity and honesty, even while Rachel deceives Laban. How does this passage show the importance of maintaining truthfulness even under pressure?

7. Read Genesis 31:36-42. Jacob lists his years of faithful service to Laban despite mistreatment. How does having a life of integrity help us stand firm when falsely accused? What does 1 Peter 2:15-17 and 2:21-23 say about the value of integrity?
8. Read Genesis 31:43-44. Laban finally acknowledges Jacob's independence and suggests a covenant. What is a covenant? How do covenants help establish and strengthen relationships? How is a covenant different than a contract?
9. Read Genesis 31:45-50. Jacob and Laban set up a witness pillar as a monument of peace. How do the promises of covenant help keep relationships healthy? How do church membership vows and marriage vows help establish long lasting covenants?
10. Read Genesis 31:51-55. Laban and Jacob separate, after invoking God as their witness. How does remembering God's presence help us navigate difficult relationships and conflicts?

### **Wrap-Up Discussion:**

- Which part of Jacob's story resonates with your own experiences in handling difficult relationships?
- How does this chapter point us to the gospel and God's covenant faithfulness to us in Christ? The covenant of Laban and Jacob help these opponents live in peace. How is this similar to God's covenant with us? Look at Jeremiah 31:31-33 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-25.
- What steps can you take this week to handle conflict with integrity and trust God's guidance?