

## **ENFORCED HUMILITY**

Jacob was about to learn the doctrine of Enforced Humility the hard way IN life (Heb.12:5-11; Deut.8:1-5). He has made a right decision in the wrong way and has decided to return to his homeland with his new family and wealth.

He has decided to test Esau. And in doing so, he was testing God. Remember the **Bethel Bible study** when God revealed to him **His Directive Will** regarding leaving and returning to the homeland (Gen.28:13-15/ read).

(Gen.28:15) **“Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go; and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”**

**Principle:** The Directive Will of God will cover all the variables so that Jacob could walk by faith and not by sight (2 Cor.5:7).

But Jacob sent a delegation to test Esau’s mind-set and in doing so he tested God’s. When the delegation returned with the news that Esau was already headed towards Jacob with 400 men, Jacob panicked. Jacob was no longer content with the sovereignty of God handling his affairs.

(Gen.32:7) “Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people who were with him, and the flocks and the herds and the camels, into two companies.”

### **Questions for Jacob, and us:**

- what does the Bible say?
- What has God promised you? (Gen.28:15)
- What should you do?
  - Walk by \_\_\_\_\_ and not by \_\_\_\_\_ (2Cor.5:7)

<b>This lesson will study <u>four aspects</u> of God teaching Jacob by ENFORCED HUMILITY.</b>
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### **1. Jacob has forgotten a very important doctrine that trumps everything else he is experiencing. It is his primary purpose and mission and destiny in the plan of God.**

God told him what it was in Gen.28:14 (Matt.1:2)\_\_\_\_\_.

(Prov.15:33b) “Before honor comes humility.”

Walking by faith results in 100% of God’s grace and 0% of believer’s work.

(Eph.2:8-9) “For by grace you have been saved though faith; and that **not of yourselves, it is a gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.” (Rom.4:4-5)**

### **2. Jacob abandoned the Directive Will of the Plan of God by false assumptions.**

(Gen.32:8) “For he said, ‘If Esau comes to one company and attacks it, then the company which is left will escape.’”

**Jacob, wait!** What is the Directive Will of God regarding this issue? (Gen.28:15) (Bethel Bible study)

God intervened a second time to reassure Jacob (Gen.32:24-32)

**Peniel Bible study:** Wrestling, limb, and name of Israel

“I have seen God face to face, yet **my life has been preserved.**”

### **3. God is always ahead as well as present in the fulfillment of His Directive Will.**

God’s goal was to make Jacob teachable by applying Enforced Humility.

(Psalms 25:9) “He leads the humble in justice, and **He teaches the humble His way.**”

(Ps.27:11) “Wait for the Lord; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the Lord.”

**Question:** What was Esau’s real attitude towards Jacob after 20 years?

(Gen.33:4) “Then Esau ran to meet him and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.”

**WHO PERFORMED THIS MIRACLE IN THIS FAMILY OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS?**

### **4. Spiritual humility is a grace-oriented disposition of submission to the revealed Directive Will of God, no matter what the circumstances of life.**

(1 Pet.5:5-6) “You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for **God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to humble.** Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.” (James 4:6; Prov.3:34b)

(Jas.1:21) “Therefore, **putting aside** all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, **in humility receive the word implanted,** which is able to save (deliver) your souls.”

(2 Tim.3:16-17) Spiritual humility is characterized by the spiritual advancing believer being teachable by inhale and exhale of CBD (categorical Bible doctrine/ identified as the Directive Will of God.

(Col.3:12-14) “So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, **put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.** Beyond all these things **put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.**”