

God Repeats and Reiterates

- Command to return -*Gen. 31:13*
- Altar at Bethel -*Gen. 28:18-22*
- New name for Jacob -*Gen. 32:28*
- Blessing and promise -*Gen. 28:13-15*

Israel responds differently

“Get rid of the foreign gods you have with you, and purify yourselves and change your clothes. Then come, let us go up to Bethel, where I will build an altar to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and who has been with me where ever I have gone.”

-*Genesis 35:2-3*

“So they gave Jacob all the foreign gods they had and the rings in their ears, and Jacob buried them under the oak at Shechem.”

-*Genesis 35:4*

- Buying into new identity and purpose
- Recognizes the need to lose old identity
- Willing to have it cost him

We Are In The Same Place

- We have a new identity -*2 Cor. 5:17*
- We have a new purpose -*2 Cor. 5:15*
- We have promises -*2 Peter 1:3-4*
- We are set apart -*2 Cor. 7:1*
- We have a desire for other gods -*Jer. 2:25*

What foreign gods do you need to get rid of?

- **Ask God** *-Psalm 139:23*
- **Take Action** *-Acts 19:19*
- **Be Adamant** *-1 Peter 4:4*