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Genesis 35:1-15

**Foreign Gods
or**

We're Gonna Be Different

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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

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Israel responds differently

“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

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Israel responds differently

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

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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*

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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*





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