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Encountering God

Genesis 28:10-22

To know God's presence and promises, you must personally _____ Him.

Encountering God Shows Us:

- He wants to _____

The stairway shows:

- A link between _____ and _____.
- _____ interact with Earth.
- God makes Himself _____.

- He promises us _____
- He has _____
- He connects to us through _____

How Can I Encounter God?

- Read the Bible
- Pray
- Fast
- Confess sin
- Humble yourself
- Worship
- Live in unity with other Christians

Connection Card Next Steps -

***Step 1 - I commit to two weeks** of purposefully pursuing God through one of the spiritual disciplines listed.

***Step 2 - I will thank God** specifically for a situation where I realized He was with me the whole time.



- Jacob encountered God at Bethel. What are the times and places in your life when God has seemed most obviously present to you? Have you ever found the kinds of steps listed in the sermon helpful for encountering Him?

- Describe how humans react in each of the following passages when they experience God's presence:
 - Is. 6:1-4
 - 2 Chr. 7:1-3
 - Matt. 17:1-6
 - Have you felt any of these responses when you draw near to God? Do these passages make you think of anything you should do differently?

- Jacob turned a stone originally set up in fear into a memorial set up in worship. When has a frightening situation in your life been transformed into a monument to God's faithfulness? How do you tell that story to people now?

- In John 1:15, Jesus called Himself the stairway connecting humans to God. Read the following verses: John 14:6; 1 Tim. 2:5; 1 John 2:1. What does each verse say about Jesus' role in our relationship with God? What false teachings can these verses correct?