

Day 47: Genesis 32:1-21: Jacob Feared Esau



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Angels of God: *mal'ak*. messengers met Jacob: Gen. 28:12; Jacob noted "This is God's camp!" Mahanaim means two camps

Jacob sent messengers (*mal'ak*) to Esau: called him "my lord," was greatly afraid when he learned Esau was coming with 400 men so he divided his people into two camps

Jacob prayed: called God "LORD" for the first time; reminded the LORD of his commands and promises; recognized the LORD's steadfast love and faithfulness; asked for deliverance from Esau

Sent present to Esau: to appease him, over 550 animals in five droves, repeated message "your servant Jacob" and "he is behind us"

Assignment:

What has Jacob learned of God and how has he changed in the 20 years since he fled from Esau?

How is Jacob still trying to control his circumstances through his actions?

Have you ever tried to avoid the consequences of your sins? How, and what was the result?

How has God changed you since you first trusted Christ?