

“GOD CAN USE THE BROKEN PIECES OF OUR PAST TO GIVE SOMEONE ELSE A FUTURE”*

**Jacob
Genesis 33-50**

❖ “SURRENDER IS A PROCESS”

❖ “Surrender is a process of small daily steps, occasional momentous or decisive moments, that together bring us to a surrendered life.”

1. TWO NAMES, ONE MAN

“Gather together and hear, you sons of Jacob, and listen to Israel your father.”
Genesis 49:2

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”
2 Corinthians 5:17

2. GO TO THE FRONT

“Now Jacob lifted his eyes and looked, and there, Esau was coming, and with him were four hundred men. So he divided the children among Leah, Rachel, and the two maidservants. And he put the maidservants and their children in front, Leah and her children behind, and Rachel and Joseph last. Then he crossed over before them and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. But Esau ran to meet him, and

embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. And he lifted his eyes and saw the women and children, and said, ‘Who are these with you?...’” Genesis 33:1-5

3. SPEAK UP

“And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter. Now his sons were with his livestock in the field; so Jacob held his peace until they came. Then Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him. And the sons of Jacob came in from the field when they heard it; and the men were grieved and very angry, because he had done a disgraceful thing in Israel by lying with Jacob's daughter, a thing which ought not to be done.”

Genesis 34:5-7

“Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, ‘You have troubled me by making me obnoxious among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites; and since I am few in number, they will gather themselves together against me and kill me. I shall be destroyed, my household and I.’ But they said, ‘Should he treat our sister like a harlot?’”

Genesis 34:30-31

4. ARISE, PURIFY, AND BUILD

Genesis 35:1-7

5. DON'T REPEAT YOUR PARENT'S SINS

“Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors.”

Genesis 37:3

6. SURRENDER IS OFTEN EXTRACTED AT GREAT COST

“And their father Israel said to them, ‘If it must be so, then do this: Take some of the best fruits of the land in your vessels and carry down a present for the man — a little balm and a little honey, spices and myrrh, pistachio nuts and almonds. Take double money in your hand, and take back in your hand the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks; perhaps it was an oversight. Take your brother also, and arise, go back to the man. And may God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may release your other brother and Benjamin. If I am bereaved, I am bereaved!’”

Genesis 43:11-14

7. THE SURRENDERED LIFE BLESSES OTHERS

“Then Joseph brought in his father Jacob and set him before Pharaoh; and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. Pharaoh said to Jacob, ‘How old are you?’ And Jacob said to Pharaoh, ‘The days of the years of my pilgrimage are one hundred and thirty years; few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.’ So Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.”

Genesis 47:7-10

*(The title quote comes from Christine Caine who has an amazing story of abandonment, abuse and redemption. She now has an international ministry freeing those enslaved in the sex trades. She has a new book out that chronicles her story titled *Undaunted*.)

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“...pray for one another...” James 5:16