



TO KNOW CHRIST AND  
TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

# IN GOD'S GRIP THE STORY OF JACOB

Genesis 25 - 36



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## WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH

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### VISITING GRACE?

It's great to have you here today, and we'd love to connect with you! Stop by the Welcome Table outside the sanctuary where you can receive a Bible if you need one, ask any questions about Grace, and take home a gift. Visit [graceinracine.com](http://graceinracine.com) or scan the QR code on the next page to fill out a Connect Card online.

If you have something that is weighing you down today, please come down front after service and we will pray with you. You can also share your request on the connection card and our prayer team will lift your need up to the Lord.

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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### PRE-SERVICE

Welcome

### PRAISE

Call To Worship

[1 John 3:1a](#)

["Psalm 90 \(Satisfy Us With Your Love\)"](#)

["Rise My Soul The Lord Is Risen"](#)

### RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal

["Help Us See Christ"](#)

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Genesis 32:1-32](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

### RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

["I Surrender All"](#)

The Lord's Supper

Pastor Chris Amundson

["Come Thou Fount \(I Will Sing\)"](#)

Benediction

*We invite you to stay after the service for fellowship.  
Refreshments are available in The Commons.  
Our Prayer Team is available in the front of the sanctuary.*

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## CARE MINISTRY

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### PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Merlin Gandrud

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**CELEBRATE RECOVERY (CR)** Meets Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Loft.

CR is a safe place to find support if you are struggling with a difficult season of life. CR is not just for addicts; it is for all of us who need to go deeper in Christ when life gets hard. Don't struggle alone - please join us for hope and encouragement every Tuesday evening.

Contact Gabe Stalker at [celebraterecovery@graceinracine.com](mailto:celebraterecovery@graceinracine.com)

### PRAYER REQUESTS

We want to uphold you in prayer during times of need:

- Fill out a connect card online or from the seatback in front of you.
- Come down front after service Sunday morning and we will pray with you.
- Email [prayer@graceinracine.com](mailto:prayer@graceinracine.com)

### CARE RESOURCES

Stop by the Care Group wall for a variety of resources on topics such as:

- When Bad Things Happen
- Counseling Children Through Grief
- Broken Relationships
- Anxiety

We are here to walk alongside you in all seasons in life. Scan the QR code to share your care needs with us.

### JOURNEY GROUPS FOR WOMEN

**Begins Tuesday, September 9 // 6:30pm**

Meets on Tuesdays for 12 weeks

- September 9, 16, 23, 30
- October 14, 21, 28
- November 4, 18, 25
- December 2, 9

Journey Groups are communities of care where stories of pain and abuse can be spoken, heard, and redeemed. Journey groups provide opportunities to open your soul to a deeper understanding of your past, to have courage and integrity in current relationships, and to grow in connection with the Author of your story.

Scan the QR code or contact [care@graceinracine.com](mailto:care@graceinracine.com) for more information.

## SERMON REVIEW DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

In chapter 32 of Genesis we find Jacob back in the land of promise. Jacob isn't quite settled because of one major, outstanding issue; he is going to have to face his brother whose birthright and blessing he stole. Though the fear that Jacob feels is crippling, it leads him to a unique encounter with God that defines him from that point forward.

### Discussion Questions

1. Review: In what ways have we seen God's faithfulness in his promise to Jacob up to this point of the story?
2. Chapter 32 opens up with Jacob fearing his upcoming meeting with Esau. What practical steps does he take in his anticipation of it (32:3-8; 13-21)? Is he justified in taking these steps?
3. Read Jacob's prayer in 32:9-12. What does this prayer tell us about the state of Jacob's heart?
4. What is the significance of God wrestling with Jacob before his meeting with Esau? Why does God engage him in this way?
5. Why does God change Jacob's name to Israel? How does this relate to the situation that Jacob is about to face with his brother?
6. How does this story point to what Christ has done for us? How should this encourage us in the fears we face?

## SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

[Genesis 32:1-32](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

THE FIGHT OF  
YOUR LIFE

Next Week: [Genesis 33:1-20](#)

## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 713

Giving: \$40,064

### 2025 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,173,156

+/- Budget: \$-115,223

### WAYS TO GIVE

The gospel is good news because it is a message of God's generous heart to give us everything we need for redemption in Christ. As we are good stewards of what he's blessed us with, we are worshiping him together. The giving of our finances to the local church to accomplish the vision of knowing Christ and making Christ known is one way to invest and utilize the financial resources he's blessed us with.

#### There are several ways to give:

**Give Online:** Scan the QR code and give through Church Center

**At Grace:** Offering Boxes can be found in the balcony and outside the sanctuary on the main level

**By Mail:** Grace Church // 3626 Hwy 31, Racine, WI 53405

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Serving provides us the opportunity to show Christ's love to one another. Below are the various ways you can serve throughout the different ministries of our church. Scan the QR code for the *Serve* form and to see other areas to serve at Grace and let us know where you'd like to get plugged in.

### STUDENT MINISTRY

#### Seeking: Male Pod leaders for 6th grade boys

Invest in the lives of students on a weekly basis, volunteering as a Pod Leader, guiding students through this pivotal time in their lives.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

#### Immediate need: IG-Nite Male Small Group Leaders

Help to *Make Christ Known* to our children by serving in Children's Ministry. Small group leaders co-lead a small group of boys (either 4th/5th grade or 2nd/3rd grade) by building relationships, reviewing lesson material, and helping students apply truth to their lives.

*IG-Nite meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:15-8 pm.*

### TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

At Grace Church, we exist *To Know Christ and Make Him Known*. You can be part of that mission! Join the Transportation Ministry and help bring people to church and events like Sunday service, Celebrate Recovery and others. Scan the QR code and help drive others closer to Christ.

## GRACE HAPPENINGS

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

**October 17-19**

Blue Harbor Resort, Sheboygan  
Scan the QR code or stop by the info center for more info!

### NEWCOMER GATHERING

**Sunday, September 14 // 11:10am**

Come if you're new, newer or simply want to learn more about Grace. This will be a time for you and your family to grab a bite to eat, meet a few of the staff, ask questions, and hear about the vision of Grace Church. Scan the QR code to RSVP.

### MEMBER MEETING

**Sunday, September 21 // 11:15am**

Join us at our next member meeting. All members are encouraged to attend. More details coming soon.

### FIRST PRINCIPLES CLASS

**Meets: Tuesday Evenings / 6:15pm**

**Begins: September 16**

**Teacher: Pastor Mike Matheson**

This seven-week class is an equipping class focused on fundamental principles for studying, teaching, and applying the Bible. Scan the QR code to learn more and register.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**IG-Nite** (*Intentional Growth Nite*)

Registration for the 2025-26 IG-Nite year is now open. IG-Nite is for any child in the community who is at least 3 years of age and fully potty trained through children in fifth grade.

IG-Nite begins on Wednesday, September 10 at 6:15 pm.

Scan the QR code to register.

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

### INTERIM MISSIONS DIRECTOR

#### Position Summary

This part time role is to be filled on an interim basis with the potential for it to change to a permanent position based on performance and other factors. The Missions Director (MD) is responsible for the execution of the Mission ministry of Grace Church. The MD should have excellent administrative skills to care for the budget, handle scheduling details and execute plans. They will also have the shepherding heart to care for the missionaries we support as a church through regular interaction, prayer support, and encouragement.

Scan the QR code to learn more and apply.



Scan here for sign-ups, and more info on items listed in the Worship Guide.