



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

["All I Have Is Christ"](#)

Welcome

Pastor Chris Amundson

### PRAISE

Call To Worship

[Luke 1:47-55](#)

["Psalm 150 \(Praise The Lord\)"](#)

["Build My Life"](#)

### RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal

Pastor Chris Amundson

["My Worth Is Not In What I Own"](#)

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Genesis 29:31-30:24](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Isaac Miller

### RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

["All I Have Is Christ"](#)

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: Libby Jansson

*On the passing of Matthew Cohn, our sympathy and prayers to his brother, Steve (Erin) Cohn.*

*Our heartfelt love, sympathy, and prayers to Jeanne Ferraro on the passing of her husband, Tony.*

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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)

### 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 this portion of Genesis, the focus is on Jacob's two wives, Leah and Rachel. It is another story of questionable decisions on the part of God's people, and we get to view how God is working through them. This "baby boom" serves as another example of the Lord's certainty to keep his promises through his providential work.

### Discussion Questions

1. Review: In last week's passage, we were given an example of deception in Laban's dealings with Jacob. How was God at work in all of it?
2. At the end of Genesis 29, the Lord opens Leah's womb and she conceives four children. What does Leah's choice of names for her sons say about her?
3. When Rachel sees that she is not bearing children she offers her husband her servant to serve as a surrogate. In what way is this a repeat of earlier stories from Genesis? What does it tell us about Rachel?
4. In 30:14-18 there was a dispute over mandrakes. What are mandrakes and what was culturally significant about them? Why is this such a big deal to Leah and Rachel? How does this show where their hearts and belief in God's promises really are?
5. How does this story fit into the big picture of God's work throughout the Bible? In the big picture of the Bible, what is this passage really about and how was it meant to serve as an encouragement to the original audience that were on the cusp of taking the promised land?
6. How might God's work in this passage give us confidence in going out to share the gospel with others? How does it give us hope?

## SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, JULY 27

[Genesis 29:31-30:24](#)

Pastor Isaac Miller

PROMISED  
FRUITFULNESS

Next Week: [John 13:36-14:14](#)

## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 697  
Giving: \$80,260

### 2025 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,049,440  
+/- Budget: \$-116,404

### 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 worshipping 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

## GLOBAL MISSIONS

### VISITING FIELD WORKERS

**The "W" Family // Sunday, August 3 // 11am**

Meet and encourage Grace supported field workers the "W" family who serve in a country closed to the gospel. Hear an update on their ministry, the people they serve and what life is like in the country where they live. They are also serving at VBS and will share with the kids each day.

### SUPPORT GRACE GLOBAL PARTNERS THE "C" FAMILY

**Handmade Mosaic Sale // Saturday August 2nd // 10am-2pm**

2735 Deer Creek Dr. Mount Pleasant.

Support our friends and Grace global partners the "C" Family by purchasing hand-crafted mosaics made by "Mr. C" and other skilled women displaced from their homes after earthquakes devastated their country. 200+ items for sale and a portion of sales goes to support other small businesses in the earthquake region. Invite friends and come for an opportunity to support their small business. Scan the QR code to see photos of some of the pieces. Can't make it or have questions? Contact: [globalteam@graceinracine.com](mailto:globalteam@graceinracine.com)

## GRACE HAPPENINGS

### GRACE SOFTBALL

**Championship Game!**

**July 28 // Cliffside Park**

7:00pm // NE Field Racine Bible I  
vs. Grace Church

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**July 28 - August 1 // 9am - Noon**

VBS is a fun-filled, gospel event for all kids who have completed a year of kindergarten - grade 5 in spring of 2025.

Online registration will close at Noon today! While you can register at the door, save us (& you) time by registering now.

### HELP DECORATE FOR VBS!

**TODAY! // After Service**

Come help us get ready for VBS!

### STUDENT MINISTRY

**Six Flags Trip // Friday, August 8**

Day trip to Six Flags Great America for junior and senior high students! Scan the QR for more details.

### BECOME A POD LEADER!

Invest in the lives of students on a weekly basis, volunteering as a Pod Leader, guiding students through this pivotal time in their lives. Scan the QR code to contact Evan & Miah.

### 2025 WOMEN'S RETREAT

**October 17 - 19**

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

### LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

**Grace Girls and Guys** meets after school hours at Julian Thomas Elementary school from September to May. Be part of the team to help these students Know Christ. Stop by the Local Partnership table for more information or scan the QR code for more information.

### International Community Center Informational Meeting

**Saturday, August 16, 10:00am - Noon**

The International Community Center (ICC) provides a safe learning space for refugees coming into Milwaukee. Come and learn more about what it looks like to volunteer and share the love of Christ as the ICC. Scan the QR code or contact Joe Kobriger for more information (262) 939-5152.

### NEW TO GRACE?

We'd love to meet you!  
Stop by the Welcome Table outside the sanctuary and say hello.  
And save the date for our next Newcomers Gathering:  
Sunday, September 21 // 11:10am.



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