

The Journey Back to Bethel

(The Place for New Beginnings)

Text: Genesis 35-36

Main Idea: God always calls His children back to new beginnings and reminds them of His covenant faithfulness to them!

1. New beginnings are _____ by God as He speaks His Word to us! (v. 1-15)

- God says: Seek _____ at the altar of Christ! (v. 1, Eph 1:7)
- God says: _____ of your idols & get rid of the old garments of sin! (v. 2-4, James 4:6-10)
- God says: My Spirit will _____ & protect you! (v. 5-7, John 16:13, Rom 8:14)
- God says: I will _____ you because of My covenant faithfulness! (v. 9-15)

2. New beginnings do not exempt us from _____ in life. (v. 8, 16-22a, 27-29)

- Death & Tears: We must meet great sorrow with great _____!
- Disappointment & Trouble: We must meet great pain with great _____!

3. New beginnings set a pathway for the next _____ to carry on the work of God on earth & fulfill the covenant promises God made to them. (23-26, 36:1-43)

- God blesses the world (Esau) with general _____ blessings. (chapter 36)
- God blesses His people (Israel) with _____ blessings. (37:1-2)