

THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD

**A Journey Through the
Old Testament**

Romans 15:4 For everything that was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have hope.

Genesis 35

1 Then God said to Jacob, “Arise, go up to Bethel, and settle there. Build an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau.”

2 So Jacob told his household and all who were with him, “Get rid of the foreign gods that are among you. Purify yourselves and change your garments.

3 Then let us arise and go to Bethel.

I will build an altar there to the God who answered me in my day of distress.

He has been with me wherever I have gone.”

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Hebrews 10

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- Produced in the inner man
 - but tested and grown by our response to the outer world

Philippians 2

12 ...continue to work **out** your salvation with fear and trembling.

13 For it is God who works **in** you to will and to act on behalf of His good purpose.

14 Do everything without complaining or arguing,

15 so that you may be blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine as lights in the world

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Genesis 29

25 When morning came, there was Leah!

“What have you done to me?” Jacob said to Laban.

“Wasn’t it for Rachel that I served you? Why have you deceived me?”

26 Laban replied, “It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older.

27 Finish this week’s celebration, and we will give you the younger one in return for another seven years of work.”

28 And Jacob did just that.

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1. Jacob Submits to God's Discipline

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Responding to God's Discipline (Heb. 12:1-11)

Hebrews 12

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Revelation 3 (to the church at Laodicea)

19 Those I love, I rebuke and discipline. Therefore be earnest and repent.

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Training/Instruction

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James 1

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, when you encounter trials of many kinds,

3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

4 **Allow perseverance to finish its work**, so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

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8. Christ enduring the cross is both the reason we can endure and the example of how

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1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off every encumbrance and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with endurance the race set out for us.

2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, **the author and perfecter of our faith**, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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3 **Consider Him** who endured such hostility from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

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