



Summer Road Trip

Week 1: U-Turn: Are We There Yet? | Teacher: Elisa Laird
Sermon Questions for 7.3.2022

Opener

Share a favorite memory from a road trip you've been on.

Read

Genesis 25:22-26; Genesis 27:36; Genesis 28:13-15, 20-22; Genesis 32:9-12, 27-28

Main Points

1. Jacob had a bunch of tricks to grasp for his place, for protection, and to prosper, but he learned to let go of all of that to grasp God.
2. God met Jacob when he had nothing to offer: he meets Jacob in every way (physically, mentally, and emotionally), it's a close and intimate encounter, and God's not put off by the struggle.
3. Jesus meets us where we are: he comes to earth to meet us in every way (physically, mentally, and emotionally), he wants a close, intimate relationship with you, and he isn't put off by the struggle.
4. Through reflection, we can see what tempts us to take control. Through prayer, we can ask for help and learn to trust God completely. Through God's Word, we focus on what he says is true. Then, we let go of control and hold on to God alone.

Engage with God in a Group

- When have you felt like you were at a u-turn in your life?
- How did you experience God's presence, love, control, and faithfulness during big changes in your life?
- What have you sensed God encouraging you to let go of and trust him in?
- Why might you not let go and trust God? What fears come to mind?

Bottom Line

It's not about being perfect - it's about letting go and holding on to God alone.