

Aspects of Living the Christian Life  
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Aspect 1: Initiating Grace from God

*God said to Jacob "Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there. Make an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau." Genesis 35:1*

*For consider your calling Brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world, to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. 1 Corinthians 1:26-29*

Aspect 2: Turning from Other Gods

*2 So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Put away the foreign gods that are among you and purify yourselves and change your garments. 3 Then let us arise and go up to Bethel, so that I may make there an altar to the God who answers me in the day of my distress and has been with me wherever I have gone." 4 So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods that they had, and the rings that were in their ears. Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree that was near Shechem. Genesis 35:2-4*

Aspect 3: Seeing God Do What You Can't

*Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have brought trouble on me by making me stink to the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites and the Perizzites. My numbers are few, and if they gather themselves against me and attack me, I shall be destroyed, both I and my household." 31 But they said, "Should he treat our sister like a prostitute?" Genesis 34:30-31*

*5 And as they journeyed, a terror from God fell upon the cities that were around them, so that they did not pursue the sons of Jacob. Genesis 35:5*

Aspect 4: Receiving a New Identity

*God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Paddan-aram, and blessed him. 10 And God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; no longer shall your name be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name." So he called his name Israel. Genesis 35:9-10*

*... but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. 5 For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. Isaiah 62:4b-5*

Aspect 5: Embracing Bold Promises

*And God said to him, "I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall come from your own body. 12 The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and I will give the land to your offspring after you." Genesis 35:11-12*

*he who began a good work in you will complete it Philippians 1:6*

*if anyone keeps my word Jesus says he will never taste death John 8:52*

*Behold I am with you always to the end of the age Matthew 28:20*

*there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus Romans 8:1*