

March 21 / Sunday

Who would pray...for a commitment to God?

Read [Genesis 28:1-4, 10-22](#)



22 / Mon – One man's prayer | Read [Genesis 28:10-22](#)

A vow is a serious thing, not to be taken lightly. You make a vow when you join the army, use your credit card, get married or buy a car. In this story of Jacob's encounter with the God of his father Isaac and his grandfather Abraham, who initiated the contact? What did God promise? And what was Jacob's response? Have you ever made a vow you had trouble keeping?

23 / Tue – Do-it-yourself | Read [Genesis 25:24-34 and 27:1-36 and 28:16-17](#)

Jacob grew up in a godly home with family who worshipped the Living God. Is it possible he had never personally connected with this God? Jacob was the second-born son so his older brother Esau would inherit the birthright advantages and their father's blessing. Looking back at Jacob's actions in chapters 25/27, does he seem to think he could only get ahead by using his wits and deception? What changed his attitude in chapter 28?

24 / Wed – A demonstration | Read [Genesis 28:22](#)

Jacob not only vowed to make this God *his* God but added he would return a tithe of all that was given to him. Why do you think he added this postscript? Could it be he wanted to do something concrete to show his commitment? Anyone can pray a nice prayer but actions reveal if God is truly #1. This is just one way God's people make a statement about who they trust and submit to. What are some other ways a person can demonstrate their commitment to the Lord?

25 / Thu – In order to thrive | Read [1 Corinthians 13:4-7](#)

What are some characteristics of a committed relationship? Consider marriage or your job or a parent/child relationship or perhaps the one you have with your dog. What is necessary for it to thrive? You might think of things like unconditional love, good communication, a high-level trust, faithfulness, investment of time or being tenacious when difficulties or misunderstandings arise. Are these present in your relationship with the Lord? Does it go both ways?

26 / Fri – Tit for tat | Read [Romans 2:4](#)

Some friendships are merely transactional. You trade what you have for what you want. Would that be considered a committed relationship? Do you know someone who views God in this way, as an emergency friend to call when life throws them a curveball? God knows human beings well because He created each person. Is he surprised or put off by these characteristics? Does it make him love them less or change his commitment to save them when they cry out to him? Why or why not?

27 / Sat – An honest ask | Read [Matthew 5:6 and 7:7-8](#)

Do you struggle sometimes with your commitment to Jesus? Does condemnation creep in when you fail? The Bible is filled with stories of people whose commitment waffled. There is hope when you see how they were not condemned but given strength to persist. When you humbly confess, asking the Lord to increase your love and commitment to him, that's a prayer he delights to answer. And you just might be amazed at what happens next!