

The Thread

WEEK 6 - DEVOTION 4

"Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." - Genesis 28:15

Have you ever been comforted by someone's presence? Maybe they didn't say anything ground breaking, or do anything amazing. Maybe they were simply there when you needed someone to be there. Your BFF sat with you and ate ice cream when your boyfriend dumped you. Or your dad made you laugh when you were nervous about the big game. There are other examples from your own life. Sometimes, presence can be incredibly powerful.

Read Genesis 28:10-22. Do you remember the covenant God made with Abraham? Here God extends the same covenant to Abraham's grandson, Jacob, in a dream. Verse fifteen holds the key. God promises He would be with Jacob, and reaffirms He will do all that He promised.

We could say it another way: God reassures us that He will be faithful to His promises by giving us His presence. Jesus says it this way to His disciples in John 15: "Abide in me, and I in you." As followers of Jesus, we have His presence with us. He goes with us as we go. Here's good news for you today as you go through your life's journey: God is with you.

Something to think about...

- How would it change how you lived today if you truly believed that God was going with you? What specific things might be different?
- What is something you could do today to remind you that God is with you?