

**Second Baptist Church of Doylestown**  
**40 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING**  
**DAY 13 – May 19, 2017**

**Discover Your Destiny... Like Jacob**

*“When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he said, ‘Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it... and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God’s house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth.’” Genesis 28:16,22*

Jacob was the black sheep of the patriarchs. His resume was filled with many questionable incidents. Today’s passage finds Jacob running from the consequences of his actions and falling asleep at a place called Bethel. While he was asleep, God revealed Himself to him in a personal way. It was then that God became his personal God.

Before we see how this destiny movement changed his perspective about giving, let’s look at the point where God showed up in Jacob’s life. Jacob’s scheming and trickery brought him nothing but failure and rejection . When he stopped running and fell asleep at Bethel, he had nothing. It is when you are at the end of your rope that God reveals Himself to you in a personal way.

God reveals Himself when we are alone. God came to Moses when he was alone with his flocks in Midian. God came to Isaiah while he was alone in the temple praying. God uses the time we are alone to reveal Himself, for usually, that is when He has our undivided attention.

Jacob was forever changed at Bethel. When God became personal to him, he immediately vowed to give God a tenth of everything. This personal encounter with God changed Jacob from a taker in life to a giver.

**Prayer Focus:** Pray that everyone touched by our church will experience a personal relationship with God. Ask God how giving of your time, talent, and treasures can reveal your personal faith in Him. If you don’t know God in a personal way, pray and ask Him to meet you at “your Bethel.”