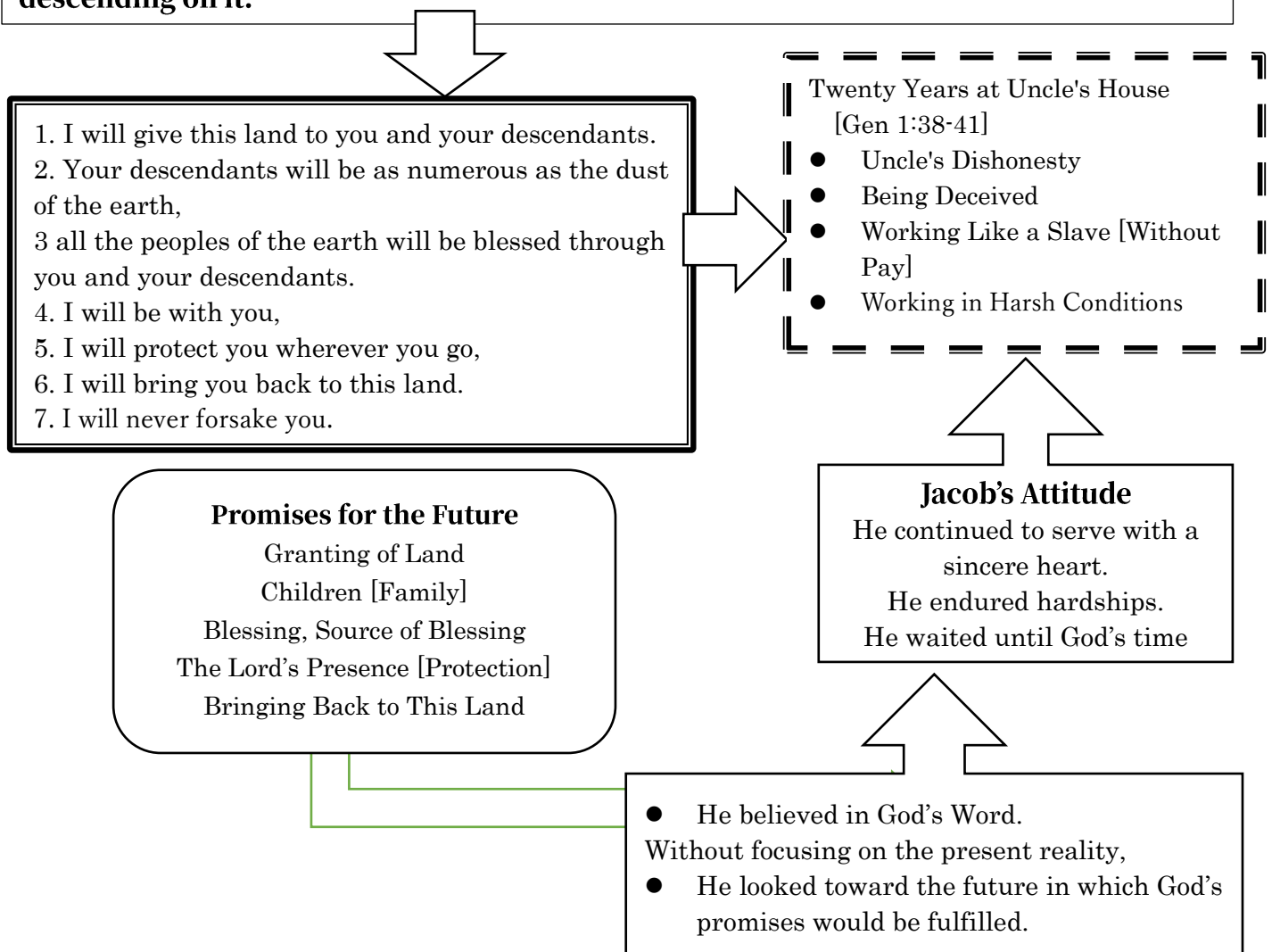


1. Jacob's Life: Self-centered, listening to his mother's voice rather than God's, a life of dishonesty

- Grew up receiving love from his mother.
- Eagerly desired God's blessing. Bought his older brother's birthright.
- Under his mother's guidance, deceived his father and received his older brother's blessing.
- Earned his older brother's hatred and nearly got killed.
- He fled his hometown and went to live with his uncle.

2. Encountering God: Being Transformed into a Life Walked with the Lord

Gen 28:10 Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. ¹¹ When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. ¹² **He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.**



Heb 11:1 Now **faith** is confidence in what we hope for and **assurance about what we do not see.**

⁶ **And without faith it is impossible to please God,** because anyone who comes to him must **believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.**

1. Life walking with the Lord:

- 1) Receive God's words of blessing
- 2) Life isn't always easy. We may face difficulties and hardships, and blessings may not be immediately apparent.
- 3) Trust in God's promises and walk through hardships with Him [Genesis 31]
- 4) Experience God's miracles and the fulfillment of His promises [Genesis 30]

1. Blessing of Offspring: 11 Sons and 1 Daughter [Genesis 29:32–30:1–24]
2. The Source of Blessing; Laban Was Blessed Because of Jacob [Genesis 30:27]
3. Blessing of Wealth: He Became Very Rich, Possessing Many Livestock and Servants [Genesis 30:43] [Genesis 31:9]
4. God Was with Him: [Genesis 31:5] "But the God of my father is with me."
5. God protected him: [Genesis 31:7] "But God did not allow him to harm me."
6. God led him back to his homeland: [Genesis 31:3, 13] "Return to the land of your fathers, where you were born. I am with you."

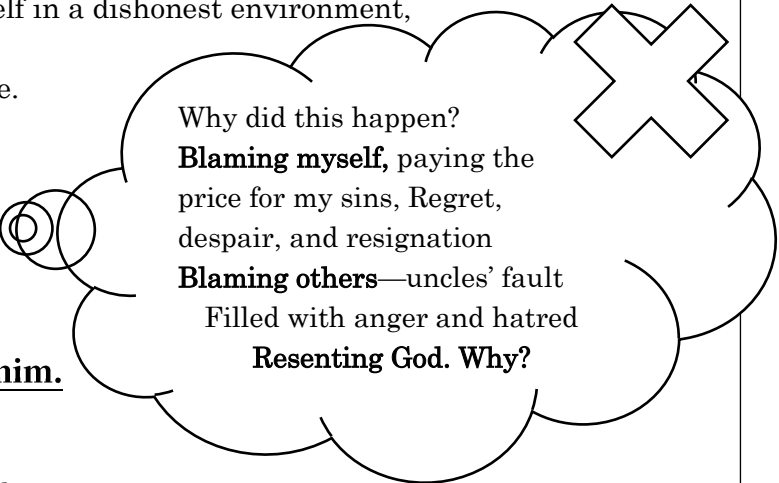
5) Give glory to God **【Gen 31】** God is the subject not you. Not because of your action.

Gen 31:1 Jacob heard that Laban's sons were saying, "Jacob has taken everything our father owned and has gained all this wealth from what belonged to our father."² And Jacob noticed that Laban's attitude toward him was not what it had been.³ Then the Lord said to Jacob, "**Go back to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I will be with you.**"⁴ So Jacob sent word to Rachel and Leah to come out to the fields where his flocks were.⁵ He said to them, "I see that your father's attitude toward me is not what it was before, **but the God of my father has been with me.**"⁶ You know that I've worked for your father with all my strength,⁷ yet your father has cheated me by changing my wages ten times. However, **God has not allowed him to harm me.**⁸ If he said, 'The speckled ones will be your wages,' then all the flocks gave birth to speckled young; and if he said, 'The streaked ones will be your wages,' then all the flocks bore streaked young.⁹ **So God has taken away your father's livestock and has given them to me.**¹⁰ "In breeding season I once had a dream in which I looked up and saw that the male goats mating with the flock were streaked, speckled or spotted.¹¹ The angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob.' I answered, 'Here I am.'¹² And he said, 'Look up and see that all the male goats mating with the flock are streaked, speckled or spotted, for I have seen all that Laban has been doing to you.'¹³ I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and where you made a vow to me. **Now leave this land at once and go back to your native land.'**

1. Let us believe in the word of God.
2. Even if reality is painful and you find yourself in a dishonest environment, don't turn a blind eye to reality—believe in God's promises and look to the future. Let's follow the example of Jacob's confession.

- a) God is with me
- b) God protects us; God judges me
- c) God blesses me
- d) God fulfills His promises

3. **He rewards those who earnestly seek him.**
4. Don't forget to give all glory to God.
God is the subject. You are not the subject.
It is not because you obeyed or endured hardships.



Why did this happen?

Blaming myself, paying the price for my sins, Regret, despair, and resignation

Blaming others—uncles' fault
Filled with anger and hatred
Resenting God. Why?