

## **Road Trip (part #10)**

### **UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY**

### **UNFORGETTABLE PEOPLE**

### **“Jacob-The Wild Card”**

So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, “Get rid of the foreign gods you have with you, and purify yourselves and change your clothes.

<sup>3</sup>Then come, let us go up to Bethel, where I will build an altar to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and who has been with me wherever I have gone.”

—Genesis 35:2-3

### **No One Who Wrestles w/ God Stays The Same!**

Genesis 25:21-26 Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. <sup>22</sup>The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, “Why is this happening to me?” So she went to inquire of the LORD. <sup>23</sup>The LORD said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger.” <sup>24</sup>When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. <sup>25</sup>The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. <sup>26</sup>After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau’s heel; so he was named Jacob.

### **\*God Blessed Jacob Even In The Midst Of All Of His Shenanigans!**

Genesis 32:22-31 That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. <sup>24</sup>So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. <sup>26</sup>Then the man

said, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.” But Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” <sup>27</sup>The man asked him, “What is your name?” “Jacob,” he answered. <sup>28</sup>Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.” <sup>29</sup>Jacob said, “Please tell me your name.” But he replied, “Why do you ask my name?” Then he blessed him there. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.” <sup>31</sup>The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

### **\*You Will Be Wounded & Changed!**

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? <sup>43</sup>“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. “Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.” <sup>44</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them.—Matthew 21:42-45

### **\*God Breaks Us To Bless Us!**

**“God cannot use a person greatly until He wounds them deeply!”—A. W. Tozer**

Genesis 33:1-4 Jacob looked up and there was Esau, coming with his four hundred men; so he divided the children among Leah, Rachel and the two female servants. <sup>2</sup>He put the female servants and their children in front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph in the rear. <sup>3</sup>He himself went on ahead and bowed down to the ground seven times as he approached his brother. <sup>4</sup>But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept...

“The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit.

You will not reject a broken and repentant heart,

O God.”—Psalm 51:17 (NLT)



# JOIN US TODAY

Sunday, August 6th, 2017

Opening  
BECAUSE HE LIVES (AMEN)

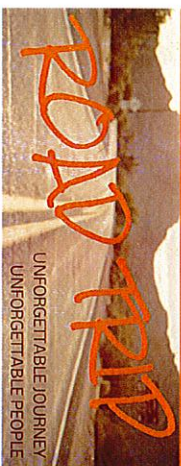
Welcome  
THE LION AND THE LAMB  
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Prayer  
Offering  
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

Message  
"JACOB - THE WILD CARD"  
Pastor Dean Ward



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## GIVING BACK TO GOD

Giving back to God, cheerfully and sacrificially, is part of our worship. It's our way of putting God first in our finances and supporting the mission of The River throughout the year. The combined totals for both The River New Kensington and The River New Heights are listed.

\$7,150.00 Needed Weekly	Attendance
July 6th & 9th	286
July 13th & 16th	296
July 20th & 23rd	254
July 27th & 30th	258

## UPCOMING EVENTS

This Week		Next Week	
Sunday August 6	Services 9:30am & 11:15am	Sunday August 13	We Are Vessel Guest Worship Band Services 9:30am & 11:15am
Wednesday August 9	The River's Edge Youth Group 6-8pm	Wednesday August 16	The River's Edge Youth Group 6-8pm
Like! us on Facebook		Check out our website!	
		Saturday August 19	Kids Closet Back 2 School Event 10am-1pm Men's Breakfast @ Knead Community Cafe 8am



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GUEST WORSHIP BAND  
**AUGUST 13TH**  
**WE ARE VESSEL**

**Men's Breakfast**  
 A GATHERING OF MEN

**SATURDAY AUGUST 19TH @ 8AM**  
**KNEAD COMMUNITY CAFE • 1011 BARNES STREET**  
 RSVP TO [lnvr4get911@aol.com](mailto:lnvr4get911@aol.com)

**TRIVER'S**

**EDGE**  
 YOUTH GROUP

Open to youth grades 7-12  
 Youth Pastor Brian Baker 724.594.7394

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday, the youth are encouraged to attend the 11:15 service. After the offering song, the youth will go into the Youth Room for their lesson.

**Wednesdays 6-8pm**