

THE ROAD AHEAD (Virtual Sunday #8)

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

- People have always had a fascination with the future
 1. Nostradamus - 16th Century French astrologer, doctor and supposed seer
 2. Futurist - studies the future and makes predictions based on current trends
 3. The age old lineup of psychics, fortune tellers, mediums
 4. Even the disciples asked Jesus about the future - He spoke of wars, earthquakes, pestilence
- We won't know everything the future holds but we can handle it
 1. We have His promises
 2. We have His peace
 3. We have The Helper (***John 16:13 NKJV***)

A MAN FACING A CHALLENGING FUTURE

- Into uncertainty
 1. Jacob was isolated from his family due to a major conflict
 2. Forced him to journey into relatively unknown territory
- Jacob faced the future armed with the blessing (***Genesis 28:10-16 NKJV***)
 1. He had been given the blessings of the covenant agreement with God
 2. At his current state he did not look like the blessed - alone and sleeping on a rock
- God shows up in his life
 1. Revealed Himself to Jacob in a dream
 2. God promised him help, safety and a future
 3. Jacob acknowledged God was present and he was not aware
- Jacob's response (***Genesis 28:20-22 NKJV***)
 1. God became His God - not just his heritage
 2. He committed to giving God a tenth - didn't have to, wanted to

AS WE FACE THE ROAD AHEAD

- This will be a walk of faith
 1. We are the walking blessed
 2. We are not alone (***Hebrews 13:5b-6 NKJV***)
- We are people of promise
 1. God's promises are because of our connection to Jesus (***2 Corinthians 1:20 NKJV***)
 2. God's promises speak to our past, present and future
- The reality of God enables us to face the future without fear
 1. More than just our parents or grandparents God - He is our God
 2. More than just a Sunday God - He has a bigger role in our life
 3. More than just a God we acknowledge - He acknowledges us and keeps us
(***2 Timothy 1:12 NKJV***)