

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: FACING THE HIVITES

Main Text: Genesis 34:1-35:5

--worship text: Psalm 97--

Aim: TO HIGHLIGHT THE DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN GODLY & UNGODLY RELATIONSHIPS...

Sermon Description: The frailty of Jacob continues to plague him in Canaan. In these tragic events at Shechem, Jacob faces challenges presented by pagan neighbors, wandering and lawless children, and his own moral weakness in the face of trial. Jacob, the unqualified patriarch, stumbles toward Bethel. These events also mark a recurring pattern among the people of God through covenant history. Having enjoyed a measure of circumstantial victory, their defenses prove weak in the heart. The Exodus golden calf incident, the fallout of Balaam's deception, and the intermingling with pagan peoples in Nehemiah's day are all examples of this phenomenon. Paul instructs New Testament believers: "Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers, for what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?" (II Cor 6:14-18). This passage includes citations from the law and the prophets emphasizing that the pitfalls of Jacob and others are not unique to them and their experiences are meant to warn and instruct us. No wall is secure, no army is invincible, no victory is final unless it is reinforced by faithful convictions. The predominant theme of Genesis – *hope through covenant* – is not without counterfeits. This incident in Jacob's life illustrates the abuse and corruption of covenant terms. Relational arrangements ought to be governed by the Word of God in every case and Gen 34 provides a cautionary tale for those who take covenants lightly or exploit them for personal gain. The tragic fallout of these events serve to remind us of the exclusive hope of the Gospel, illustrating by contrast the blessing of Godly relationships and Godly favor promised through the faithful and true Son of Jacob: Jesus Christ...

Heading: THE EVENTS OF SHECHEM PRESENT...

1. A SERIOUS SITUATION (Gen 34:1-7)

- a.) Location (33:18-19)
- b.) Characters
- c.) Conflict

2. AN INSINCERE COVENANT (8-24)

- a.) Hamor's appeal
- b.) Jacob's son's proposal
- c.) Hivite's consent

3. A RECKONING (25-35:1)

- a.) Slaughter & plunder
- b.) Jacob's distress
- c.) God's direction

4. A REVIVAL (35:2-5)

- a.) Jacob's charge (31:4-13)
- b.) Household repentance
- c.) Emmanuel terror

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Situation	Insincere covenant	Reckoning	Revival	Application	Next week
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	
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Gen 34:1-7	8-24	25-35:1	35:2-5	II Cor 6:14-18	Gen 35:1-15