

Jacob Full Circle

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⁸ *The Lord will finish the work He started for me. O Lord, Your loving-kindness lasts forever. Do not turn away from the works of Your hands.* **Psalm 138:8, NLV**

God brings me full circle when he _____ what he _____ in me and, then, _____ to work in me.

¹ *Then God said to Jacob, "Go up to Bethel and settle there, and build an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you were fleeing from your brother Esau."* **Genesis 35:1**

Sometimes we need to _____ and count the blessing of the past.

² *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." ³ 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." ⁴ So they gave Jacob all the foreign gods they had and the rings in their ears, and Jacob buried them under the oak at Shechem.* **Genesis 35:2-4, NIV**

Sometimes we need to _____ and address the problems of the present and the influence of our culture.

⁵ *Then they set out, and the terror of God fell on the towns all around them so that no one pursued them.* **Genesis 35:5, NIV**

Sometimes we need to _____ and trust God with our future.

¹⁶ *Then they moved on from Bethel. While they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel began to give birth and had great difficulty. ¹⁷ And as she was having great difficulty in childbirth, the midwife said to her, "Don't despair, for you have another son." ¹⁸ As she breathed her last—for she was dying—she named her son Ben-Oni. But his father named him Benjamin.* **Genesis 35:16-18, NIV**

²⁸ *Isaac lived a hundred and eighty years. ²⁹ Then he breathed his last and died and was gathered to his people, old and full of years. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.* **Genesis 35:28-29, NIV**

Our lives are a series of _____ in which we receive _____ from God, _____ life and then return to God's _____.

What are the circles you draw in your life?

Daily	<u>Repentance, Meditation, Prayer</u>
Weekly	<u>Worship</u>
Yearly	<u>Seasonal Planning</u>
Occasionally	<u>Look Back, Around and Forward</u>

MEMORY VERSE

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My next step: I will regularly circle back to the promises of God. I will do this daily with prayer and meditation and weekly in worship, groups and service.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.