The problem was solved, so why did it become more dangerous?

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Praise with Joy : “Father, You Are Perfect.”

Scripture Reading : Genesis 35 : 1 - 5

Opening Our Hearts : Let us share if you have experienced a time when your life of prayer and Word became sluggish even after a long pressing problem was finally resolved.

Word Observation :

1. What did Jacob build for himself and his livestock when he reached Succoth after reconciling with his brother Esau? (Genesis 33 : 17)
2. What did God do to the surrounding town when Jacob and his company set out for Bethel? (Genesis 35 : 5)

Study and Meditation :

1. Through what event did God shake the peace of Jacob’s family just when Jacob felt ‘everything is now solved,’? (Genesis 34 : 2) And why did He shake the false peace?(Genesis 28 : 20 - 22, 35 : 3)
2. Why does God always let us pass through the gateway of ‘repentance’ when he leads us to a place of restoration? (Genesis 35 : 1 - 4, 28 : 12, John 1 : 51)

Sharing Feelings : What do you feel as you look back at times when you maintained an outward religious life however remained in a ‘false peace’ being disconnected from the intimacy with God?

Decision and Application :

1. When have you forgotten a vow or resolution you made to God after a problem was solved?
2. What will you decide to do in order to go up to Bethel putting down the ‘idols’ you have been clinging to through compromise?

Prayer in Response to the Word :

1. Let us not settle in a false peace feeling that a problem has been solved, but help us respond to the Lord’s voice knocking on our hearts, saying “Lord, here I am.”
2. May we lay down the hidden idols within us through repentance, and go up to Bethel where God’s presence and reign reside, dreaming God’s dream and living lives that are used by Him.
3. May the patients of Inland church rely on Jesus only even in the midst of illness, and experience the Lord’s help and healing.