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“Between a Rock and a Hard Place”

Genesis 32:1-23

Introduction

A. Between a rock and a hard place—in a situation where one is faced with two equally difficult alternatives; having to choose between two equally unpleasant courses of action.

I. God Never Forgets His Promises and Often Reminds Us So That We Might Not Forget Them (33:1-2)

A. Psalm 34:7.

II. God Strengthens Our Faith, Not by Removing All Danger and Difficulty, but by Sustaining Us Through It (32:3-8)

A. “God often suffers us to fear things which are not terrible in themselves. Or, although He anticipates our wishes and opposes our evils, yet He conceals His remedies until He has exercised our faith. For they who fancy that faith is exempt from all fear, hath never experienced the true nature of faith.” (John Calvin)

B. “God does not promise that He will be present with us for the purpose of removing the sense of all our dangers, but in order that fear may not prevail and overwhelm us in despair.” (John Calvin)

III. Biblical, Believing Prayer Pleads God’s Person and Promises (32:9-12)

A. Prayer pleads God’s person. (32:9)

B. Prayer pleads God’s promises. (32:9c)

C. Prayer acknowledges our own unworthiness. (32:10)

D. Prayer lays before the LORD a specific petition. (32:11)

E. Prayer is based on God’s covenant promises to his people. (32:12)

F. Romans 8:28.

IV. God Grows Our Faith by Addressing Our Area of Greatest Weakness (32:13-23)

Conclusion

Four Sermon Points

The gospel definition