

"Becoming A Company of Peoples"

Gen 28:3 --> Jacob blessed

Command = blessing

Join with God

reproduce (greatest thrill)

1) Not just few superstars but many functioning as can and should

2) Parable of talents (5, 3, 1)

* myth of superstar

* fear as presumption (God's will exacting) = reproduce

* good seed choked out by other priorities

3) Fishers of men

* gather and disciple

* entrust freely to others

* follow me as I follow Christ

4) Jonathan and Armorbearer

* not armies but individuals who win wars

* specific geography

* not notify "leaders" --> too much to be done to wait to be told

* perhaps...

* start an earthquake to shake world system

5) Streams in the Desert

* eyes of Lord search

* into desert, not worry about water

* streams of living water not meant to be ponds

Gen 28:3 - "May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you (Jacob) may become a company of peoples."

Gen 46:1-7 - Israel --> all had to Beersheba (= on edge of wilderness, embarkation point, Egypt)

"Jacob, Jacob" --> "Here I am" - announces whereabouts, not trying to hide

"Do not be afraid of Egypt. I will make you great there" - I'll go down with you - I'll bring you back again

Gen = fruitful, multiply, fill earth, subdue earth

Israel --> all he had to Egypt

G fruitful (6509) bear fruit [in personal life]

O --> multiplied (7235) increase, enlarge, nourished, filled with plenty [make disciples]

D company of peoples (6951) congregation [mobilized disciples serving and discipling]

(1) increase in personal fruitfulness

- * great love
 - understanding
 - spiritual growth
- * breakthroughs in character
- * freedom from bondages
- * --> barren to fruitful

(2) call to disciple others (and be disciplined)

- * love
- * ambition for
- * teach what you know
- * enlist in tasks
- * spend time together
- * serve them and allow them to serve

(3) delta recourse