

Title: "Jacob Barely Escapes from Laban"  
Text: Genesis 31:1-55  
Theme: God told Jacob to go home to the land of promise. Laban didn't want unharmed. That was salvation on a small scale. We now have LORD will be delivered.

## Sermon Notes



to let him go, but God made sure Jacob got away salvation on a grand scale. Those who belong to the

I. **Jacob and His Family** \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Laban

(1-16)

II. **Jacob's Clandestine** \_\_\_\_\_ (17-21)

III. **Laban's** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Jacob (22-35)

IV. **Jacob's Impassioned** \_\_\_\_\_ (36-42)

V. **Jacob and Laban Negotiate a** \_\_\_\_\_ (43-55)

### VI. Applications

A. The covenant family escaped the smothering \_\_\_\_\_ of a controlling, manipulative, and intimidating \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Cutting ties with the \_\_\_\_\_ is not always \_\_\_\_\_ to do, but must be done to follow the LORD \_\_\_\_\_.

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. What bad report was Laban's family spreading about Jacob (v. 1)?
2. What did Jacob perceive about Laban's attitude toward him (v. 2)?
3. What did God tell Jacob to do (v. 3)?
4. Whom did Jacob immediately inform of his plans to leave Laban (v. 4)?
5. How did Jacob's wives react to the news about leaving their father and their country (vv. 14-16)?
6. How was Jacob able to leave and Laban not know about it (v. 19)?
7. What did Rachel do before she left (v. 19)?
8. When did Laban find out that Jacob had left (v. 22)? What did he do (v. 23)? What unexpected thing happened that caused Laban not to try to harm Jacob (v. 24)?
9. When Laban caught up with Jacob what accusations did he lodge against him (vv. 26-30)?
10. What reason did Jacob give for fleeing Laban without telling him (v. 31)?
11. Why did Laban not find what had been stolen from him (vv. 34-35)?
12. How long did Jacob work to build up his fortune from the breeding of Laban's flocks? How many total years had Jacob been serving in Laban's house (v. 41)?
13. Jacob gave credit to what reason for his financial success (v. 42)?
14. What did Laban propose for him and Jacob to do (v. 44)? What was Laban's motivation for proposing this (v. 49)?
15. Why do you think Jacob agreed to make a covenant with Laban?
16. From what situations and circumstances has the LORD removed you so that you can look back and see His hand of protection in extricating you?
17. Are there any persons, places, or situations from which you should cut ties in order to fully follow the LORD?