

Be patient - God hasn't finished with me yet _____

- How are we to respond to God?

1. Recognise God's Presence v16

- "Surely the Lord is in this place and I was not aware"
- Not past tense – "is in this place"
- Very easy to be unaware of God's presence
- Need to remind ourselves amidst the ordinariness of life – "The Lord is in this place"
- Gives us peace and purity

2. Respect God's Character v17

- "He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place..."
- Encountering God brings fear and reverence
- We live at a time when there is little reverence for God among Christians
- Are you afraid to sin?
- Do we come into God's presence lightly?
- Do we think on God's holiness and our sinfulness?

3. Engage in Worshiping God v18-19

- When you grasp something about God, don't just get on with life
- Take time to turn it back to God
- Worship is the heart's response to God
- Jacob sets up stone to remind him
- Worship is about reinforcing what God has shown us by rehearsing it back to him
- It's not for his benefit, but for ours

4. Commit yourself to living for God v20-21

- Jacob isn't bargaining with God – but responding to what God has promised
- Think "Since" rather than "If"
- Jacob is accepting God's offer and committing himself to God
- Is our encounter with God real?
 - Has it brought about **Commitment**?
 - Has our commitment **Cost** us?
 - Has it brought about **Change**?
- Jacob has been changed from the a taker into a giver
- If Jesus has done all this for us – what should our commitment look like?
- What has your encounter with God today brought about?
- Remember – we can't ever pay God back. Everything we do brings us deeper into his debt.
- But our commitment to him shows the world that he is worth it.

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