"Home Boy Leaves Home."

Scripture Reading: Genesis 28:10-17

<u>Genesis 28:16-17</u> Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." 17 And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

I am surely glad that our God is a forgiving God. Jacob is at a crisis in his life and ought to be afraid. He was a home boy, while his brother was an outdoorsman. He has just made his brother mad enough to want to kill him. He has deceived his dad and sinned against God. So, to know that God was watching him would be terrifying. The reassurance that God was going to bless him (13-15) despite all he had done, would certainly be comforting. His memory of his sin would linger in his mind and as they say, "What goes around comes around." He is about to meet his match with Laban, his uncle, who will trick him many times over in the days ahead. He also will face his brother in a few years and face the consequences of His sin. Jacob here has committed his life to God and is forgiven and he will long remember what happened here. Perhaps it changed his life forever.

We ought to watch for special God m_____ in our lives.
How should we r_____ when we see God at work in our lives? 2 ways

Take time to worship God. Worship might include:
    R_____ the Lord – Have a fear and awe of a holy God
    R_____ special moments – Consecrate what the Lord has done
    R_____ the presence of God – This is a place and time to worship

Take time to dedicate yourself to God. Dedication might include:
    Promise of f_____ in the Lord – May have been Jacob's day of faith
    Promise to w_____ the Lord – Since God has blessed us, we worship
    Promise to g_____ to the Lord – Appropriate to make promises to God

Conclusion:
    What p_____ of God are you claiming today?
    What c_____ are you prepared to make today?