

Cell Notes

A Glimpse into Guidance

Genesis 30: 25-31: 1-55

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Following on from the birth of his son Joseph, Jacob rightly felt the desire to move on from Haran and become financially and emotionally more independent from his challenging father in law, Laban. The following 6 years of events allowed us a glimpse into the way God often works in guiding us when we have desires. We noted 3 particularly 'stages' in this time:

- a. The Red Light Stage – Good Desire, wrong timing (i.e. wait)
- b. The Amber Light Stage – Desire Matured, Communication Vital
- c. The Green Light Stage- Right action wrong flavour

In the red light stage, the need was to come into a place of rest and peace that we cant hurry God's perfect timing, the need in the amber stage was for wisdom in light of potential forward movement following God's apparent leading. And the green light stage was to be particularly marked by courage and not mixing the God-given faith received with fear.

Use some or all of the following questions to aid discussion:

1. Which of the 3 stages most resonate with you and why? This could be a present day situation you're facing or even a past situation brought to remembrance.
2. What would you find most challenging in terms of being in this stage? What examples can you find in Scripture of Jesus and/or key Biblical characters who found themselves in this stage and what were their actions and attitudes?
3. How as a cell can we better support and encourage each other as we find ourselves in different stages at different times?

You may feel you want to break into smaller groups and pray into some of the issues that have come up.