

## Jacob's story

Jacob's story is an archetypal hero's journey. He was a cheat; He was afraid; He had done wrong; He was compelled to run away, but he met God on the boundary between his home country and the far country to which he was journeying. Instead of the condemnation he would have expected he received God's blessing and the opening of heaven towards him.

When I heard this story as a fourteen year old boy, a sloth, a thief and a liar, I was moved to give my life to God. I prayed David's prayer:

### WORDS OF WISDOM

“Create in me a clean heart O' God and put a new and right spirit within me”.

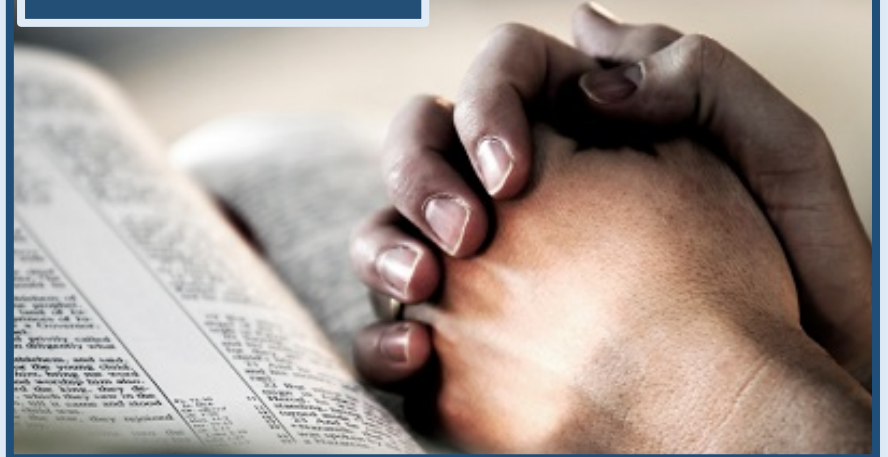
Psalm 51

Nothing has ever been the same since. I know in my heart that this created universe is a friendly universe; that sin can be forgiven, that we can start again, that God will go with us.

## PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY

### WORDS OF WISDOM

Gen. 28:10 -22.



### Reflection Questions

#### Are you in trouble?

Open that trouble up to God in prayer.

#### Are you at some crossroads in your life?

See yourself in Jacob's place and see heaven open up towards you.

#### Do you wonder what path you need to take now?

Listen for the inner voice and obey it.

#### Above all pray the promise of God to Jacob over your life. Hear him say:

“I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go.”

#### Can my prayer be your prayer too?