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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

Gen. 28:15 *I Am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.*

The LORD was speaking to Jacob at Bethel. In a broader context, the next two verses are Jacob's reply. **Gen. 28:16-17** *When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."*

I love how the Lord is bringing comfort to Jacob through His promise to him. When the LORD says He will do something, you can count it as done. I'm sure that Jacob felt an immediate peace when he heard what the LORD said to him. Over forty years ago, I stood across from my lovely wife to be, and heard her say that she would love, honor and cherish me as long as we both should live. She still means it as do I. This commitment is not to be broken and the LORD's commitment will never be broken as well.

The other thing I notice is that the LORD had told Jacob that He would watch over him wherever he went. To do that, the LORD is going with Jacob. He is present. I think many people see the LORD as a God that watches from far away. But Jacob knew that his God was near and would continue to be. He realized the closeness of the LORD that day. **James 4:8** *Come near to God and He will come near to you. Wash your hand, you sinners, and purify your heart, you double-minded.*

Dear LORD, thank You that You are always going to be with us. You will not leave us. You will watch over us and complete the work that You began in us. Thank You LORD. In Jesus Name, Amen