

Sunday, December 5, 2021
"Jesus Christ, Our Hope"
Summary of *Back to the House of God*
Genesis 35:1-13
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The life of Jacob is about Almighty God who delivers his sinful people and fulfills his word amidst the residuals of sin. Jacob's life calls us to repent of our sin and obey God's call and direction in our lives. That patriarch's life assures us of the triumphs of grace. "Some sins that believers commit bear lifelong residuals. An ethical sin, perhaps in business, though repented of, can bear lifelong residuals. A Christian may enter into an adulterous relationship that destroys his marriage. Though he may later repent, the family residuals will follow him to his death," notes Kent Hughes. But there is always grace. God is written large all over this culminating chapter that records Jacob's repentance and obedience. And more, God's grace triumphs amidst sin's residuals and mediates their effects. Thanks be to God.

