



“I will surely do you good.” Genesis 32:12

Jacob has experienced great increase and blessing while he has served his uncle and father-in-law, Laban. Now that he is returning home to the land of his father’s he faces a great challenge – his brother Esau – the same brother that Jacob had cheated out of his birthright and blessing! And now, Esau is coming with four hundred horsemen to meet Jacob! These horsemen weren’t out for a nice Sunday afternoon ride. These were four hundred horsemen. Wild horsemen! Men who lived by the sword, men who are the ancestors of today’s terrorists!

The Scriptures tell us that Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed! We too, often face challenges that produce fear and stress. Health issues, financial dealings, or family crisis may all arise against us. When pressure comes into our lives, whether it is from a doctor’s report, a bank statement, or the disappointment of a relationship or literally four hundred horsemen riding hard to meet you, we must, like Jacob, hold to the Word of God in the face of such apparent and overwhelming circumstances! Jacob had the Word of the LORD – and he hid himself alone with God and reminded the Lord of His promises – “And You said, I will surely do you good!”

Yes, and we too have the word of the LORD. The Lord has a good plan for your life. It is a plan for your good and for your welfare, not for evil, that you may have a future and a hope! (Jeremiah 29:11).

Was it not the Master who said, “The thief comes to steal, and to kill, and to destroy; but I am come to give you life and that more abundantly”? (John 10:10) Whatever you are facing today, you need to hear yourself saying like Jacob in his darkest hour, declaring aloud, “Surely, God will do me good!”

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