

Welcome: We would like to welcome you here today for our worship service with our sermon series called “Joseph’s Critical Journey.” Our message today is called “**You will have Obstacles along your Journey of Faith**” from Genesis 26:1-6. Note" the messages each week are also available on podcast from the church web page www.lightofchristwi.org

Sermon Outline

1. Characteristics of our Spiritual journey...

- a. A spiritual journey begins where we are and takes us to a place where God wants us to be often taking us over rugged terrain of our life.
- b. A spiritual journey is an ongoing test of are we going to keep following.
- c. On a spiritual journey we never go by ourselves...we need to learn to both help others and humble ourselves and be helped by others.
- d. Most importantly on a spiritual journey we learn how to depend and trust God.
- e. Take time this week to write out your spiritual journey to better see where God has been at work.

2. **You will have obstacles along your journey of faith.** Describe some of the obstacles the Lord helped you overcome in your life.

3. Characteristics of obstacles on your spiritual journey...

- a. An obstacle makes you stop or slow down.
- b. To overcome an obstacle, you have to learn how to depend on others...it is humbling.
- c. A significant obstacle causes you to look up...to look to the Lord.
- d. An obstacle can serve as a test.
- e. It would be difficult to become who the Lord wants us to be without having trials or obstacles in our life because the Lord uses them to transform us like clay on a potter’s wheel.

4. **the Lord intervenes in our life to help us be along our journey of faith to encourage us and give us direction.** How has the Lord intervened in your life?

5. **There is a generational blessing when you are obedient to God’s call on your life?** Why is a generational blessing so important? How is this playing out in your life? Where do you need to be obedient?

- a. **Our obedience always benefits others.**
 - b. **When we obey God we are never disappointed.**
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6. Sermon Mediation – What is the Lord telling you today? What is challenging about what the Lord is telling you? Why is it challenging? What would He like you to do about what He has communicated with you today?
