

A Stone for a Memorial

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Genesis 28:10-22

Sleep is a necessary part of everyone's day. Too often, we get less than we need. People can't turn their minds off. Parents get interrupted by children frightened during the night. A late cup of coffee or a hard mattress can be disastrous. Nevertheless, after a hard day of physical activity, sleep usually comes quickly—even if the pillow is a stone!

All Jacob knew when he lay down with his stone pillow was that this was a place for rest. Into his sleep God came with a dream. The pillow of stone became the place for God's presence. "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it," Jacob exclaimed (v. 16).

Routine places or events can become times when God speaks. When He comes, our response should be like Jacob's: "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven" (v. 17). The stone became a reminder and more: It would become God's house.

Today, God's house is not a place of stone or wood. He lives in us.

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