**Sermon Guide – Oct. 11, 2020 – KINdom: IN Reconciliation**

**Gen. 33:1-10**

Then Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming with his 400 men. So he divided the children among Leah, Rachel, and his two servant wives. **2**He put the servant wives and their children at the front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph last. **3**Then Jacob went on ahead. As he approached his brother, he bowed to the ground seven times before him. **4**Then Esau ran to meet him and embraced him, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him. And they both wept.

**5**Then Esau looked at the women and children and asked, “Who are these people with you?”

“These are the children God has graciously given to me, your servant,” Jacob replied. **6**Then the servant wives came forward with their children and bowed before him. **7**Next came Leah with her children, and they bowed before him. Finally, Joseph and Rachel came forward and bowed before him.

**8**“And what were all the flocks and herds I met as I came?” Esau asked.

Jacob replied, “They are a gift, my lord, to ensure your friendship.”

**9**“My brother, I have plenty,” Esau answered. “Keep what you have for yourself.”

**10**But Jacob insisted, “No, if I have found favor with you, please accept this gift from me. And what a relief to see your friendly smile. It is like seeing the face of God!

Jacob was very afraid of meeting his brother Esau, because of the way Jacob had tricked Esau and treated him in the past. But time had passed – 20 years. How did Esau react to Jacob? Was Jacob surprised? Were you?

When people who have disagreed or had some kind of falling out work things out and are able to be friends again, we call that “reconciliation.” Where have you seen reconciliation among your family or friends?

Is there someone with whom you need to work things out?

What could be your first step? Who could you ask to help you take that first step?

Don’t to pray to ask for God’s help and direction!