

## BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE

From Work Life Blog

*"Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream...."*

*"Surely the Lord is in this place and I was not aware of it."  
(Genesis 28:11, 16 NIV)*

This particular part of Jacob's story is a fascinating one. We mostly focus on the dream, the ladder thing -- angels ascending and descending into heaven and all. And while that is certainly impressive, the circumstances surrounding this famous dream warrant our attention as well. You see, Jacob was on a journey. He wasn't traveling by coach or camel either. He was walking -- a long way and not in high tech walking shoes.

When it was time to kick off his sandals and take a nap, he pulled up a rock. Not a nice soft patch of sand or a pillow of palm branches, but a rock. He rested his head upon a rock. That's what it says. Now this is compelling. Plenty of other naps are chronicled in the scriptures, but the writer of this story made a point of telling us specifics here.

A rock.

He was on a journey that would ultimately change his life, traveling without the amenities of the Admiral's Club or a town car and he lay down with his head on a rock. This is truly being between a rock and a hard place.

Yet look what happens. Lying on that rock, he dreams a dream that will be forever remembered in paintings and children's Sunday School songs. "We are climbing Jacob's ladder!" Thanks to that rocky dream, Jacob encounters the Lord and declares, "Surely, the Lord is in this place and I didn't even know it!"

We often find ourselves in uncomfortable places, our heads resting not on cushy pillows, but rocks. Sometimes we put ourselves there, as Jacob did, or our circumstances force us into that spot between a rock and a hard place. Either way, Jacob's story reminds us to look for God, for He is always in that place with us even if we sometimes fail to notice Him.



# LIGHTHOUSE

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**We welcome you to all our services!**

Sunday:	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:00 AM	Kids Church
Wednesday:	5:30 PM	Fellowship & Devotion

# Announcements

During today's Business Meeting, the Board will recommend some changes to our By-Laws. These changes will be presented, for ratification, to our members. There is a sheet of proposed changes located at the back of the church. This sheet shows the current wording (printed in black), and the proposed change printed in red, & the specific changes are highlighted in yellow.

**Tonight:** No Evening Service.

**Next Sunday:** No Evening Service.

**Next Sunday:** Special Offering Sunday contributions will go to Missions.

**February 2:** We will not have our Youth Switch Tournament in February.

**February 8:** Valentine's Dinner, at Lampo Building, beginning at 5:00 PM.

**March 15:** Church Bowling Party at Edgewood Bowl from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

**Don't forget to discuss Sunday School & Kids Church with your children!**

This week we will be learning about Joash repairing the Temple!

2 Kings 12:4-15 & 2 Chronicles 24:1-14

## Thought of the Week

"Open your arms to change but don't let go of your values."

~ Dalai Lama

The Gospel Lighthouse Church invites you to our,

*Valentine's*  
**Dinner!**

**Saturday, Feb 8th at 5pm**

The LAMPO Building,  
500 E Spring St.  
Neosho MO

All proceeds go towards  
the GLH YOUTH GROUP

**Dessert Auction!!**

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