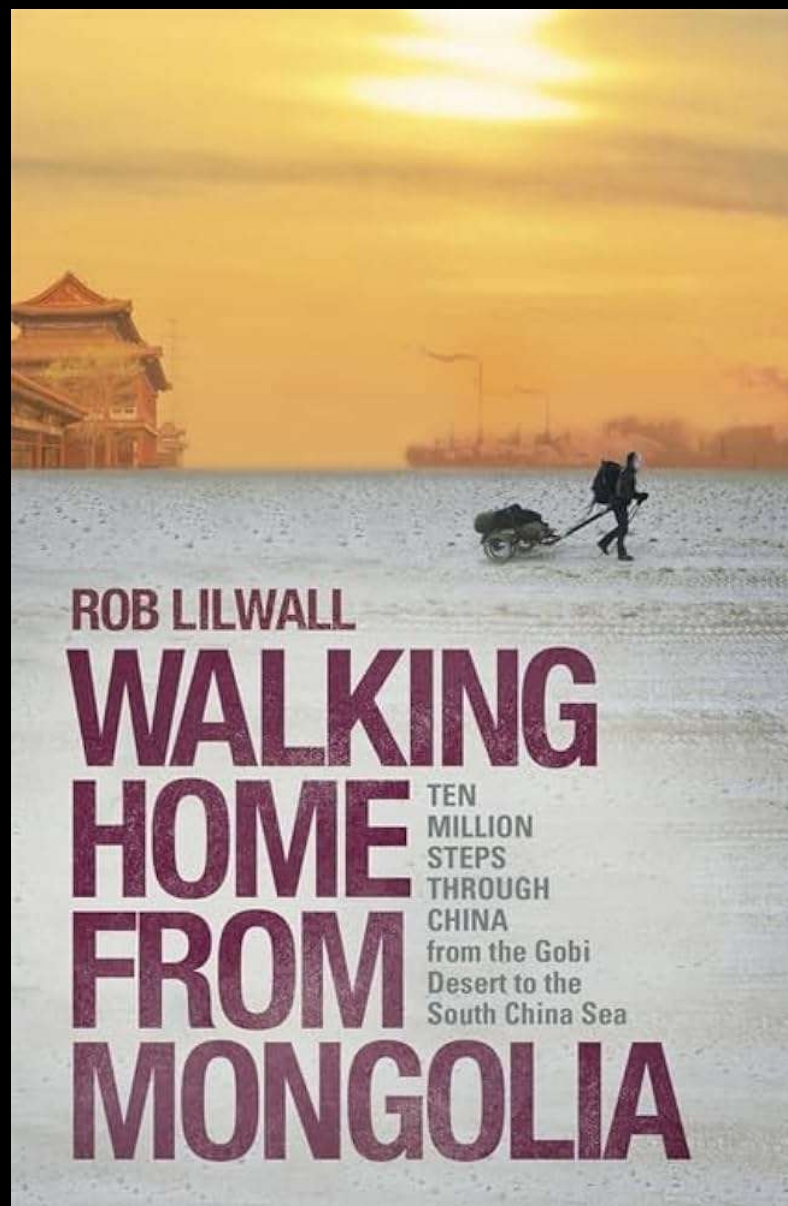


Back to the Beginning

Genesis 35:1-29

Slides from John Percival's sermon at the morning service
Sunday 21st September 2025



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WALKING HOME FROM MONGOLIA

TEN
MILLION
STEPS
THROUGH
CHINA
from the Gobi
Desert to the
South China Sea

1. God's promises (v9-15)

Genesis 28v14-15

¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. ¹⁵ I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.

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- God's patience (v1-4)
- God's protection (v5-7)

Genesis 35v5

Then they set out, and the terror of God fell on the towns all around them so that no one pursued them.

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- God's patience (v1-4)
- God's protection (v5-7)
- God's people (v17-18, 23-26)







3. God's promises are being fulfilled *in spite of sin and death*

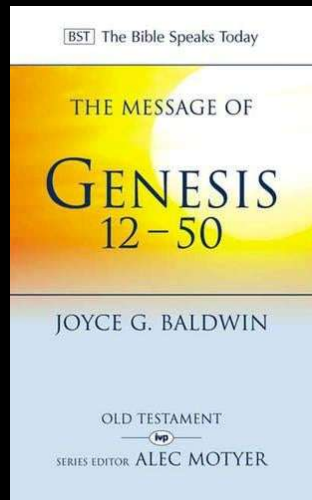


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- An elderly parent (v27-29)
- A beloved spouse (v17-20)
- A family friend (v8)
- A rebellious child (v22)

“This short statement opens a window on the frustrations and iniquities of a polygamous household, and on the havoc that polygamy caused to the divine intention of marriage as two becoming one flesh.”

Joyce Baldwin



1 Corinthians 15v55-57

⁵⁵ “Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.