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TITLE Family

SERIES What keeps you up at night? Perhaps it's the finances,

family matters, someone's health, a feeling of betrayal or a regret that haunts you. Or maybe it's a lack of purpose or direction for the future. It feels like you're facing it all alone until you realize, you are never alone! God is near, and He promises peace and rest.

- 1. Share your experience and the associated emotions you felt if you ever lost a child or were lost as a child?
- 2. What or where is your Bethel, the place you can return to that helps you reconnect with God?
- 3. Explain how dealing with today's idols can prevent them from becoming tomorrow's addiction.
- 4. God initiated refocusing with Jacob what does this teach us about refocusing?
- 5. Read Isaiah 26:3. In context, this verse is part of a song of praise following chapter 25 that describes what God will do for His people against His and their enemies. What steps can you take to train your mind to keep it stayed on God?
- 6. Read Exodus 20:3,4. Verse 5 says the Lord will visit the iniquity of those that hate Him to the third and fourth generation. Considering that idolatry is akin to hating God, why does the Lord want us to find our total satisfaction in Him and not in idols?
- 7. Pastor Jared said that repentance is not simply confessing and asking for forgiveness of sin, but it is also a change in direction. Isaiah 55:6,7 offers the formula for breaking spiritual bondage. What change in direction do you need to make?
- 8. As you reflect on the sermon this week what specifically stuck with you?
- 9. Pastor Jarod said peace occurs when we remember God's mercy, refocus on God's priorities, and remove idols. Why and how do these actions produce peace? (Isaiah 26:3-4; 1 Peter 5:6-10; Philippians 4:4-6; John 16:33)
- 10.A Godly legacy is passed on from a home dedicated to serving the Lord. Share specific ideas of how you are now, or plan to begin, building a legacy?