

# Never, Never, Never Give Up

## Learning

*There's something attractive about being a Life-Long Learner. However, 80 percent of US families did not buy or read a single book last year. Maybe we're all getting our information from Facebook! They say, "You gotta learn something new every day." They also say, "You can't teach an old dog new tricks." On the other hand, we're all enjoying a religion that's about 2000 years old. There can't be too much "new" to have to learn. Right? In this week's Conversation, we'll explore why it's so important that we never give up learning.*

Mark 9:2-9

1. Be careful who you listen to ... everyone has an \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Moses was the great \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Elijah was the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ was greater than the \_\_\_\_\_ and greater than the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. We should be listening to \_\_\_\_\_.

## My Count Me In! Commitments

- I'll be here next Sunday
- I'll invite a friend
- I'll watch one Bible Study from Right Now Media
- I'll attend the Prayer Summit Bible Study
- I'll invite a friend to attend the Abundant Living Seminar

## Additional Notes

# Digging Deeper, Going Further

## Monday

**Read:** Genesis 27

1. Why did Isaac bless Jacob instead of Esau?
2. How did Esau respond to Rebekah's and Jacob's treachery?

**Reflect:** Isaac listened to the wrong voice. What were the consequences for Jacob and Esau?

## Tuesday

**Read:** Genesis 28

1. Why did Jacob call the place of his dream the "house of God"?
2. What kind of a conditional promise did Jacob make?

**Reflect:** What conditional promises have you made to God?

## Wednesday

**Read:** Genesis 29

1. What was Rachel's profession when Jacob first met her?
2. What treachery did Laban visit on Jacob?

**Reflect:** God showed concern for Leah. How has God brought comfort to you in difficult times?

## Thursday

**Read:** Genesis 30

1. How many children did Jacob have?
2. What are the meanings of the names of the children? (Your Bible may tell you, or you may need to use Google.)

**Reflect:** Why do you think names are so important in this passage?

## Friday

**Read:** Genesis 31

1. What covenants did Jacob and Laban make?
2. How did these covenants protect the two households?

**Reflect:** A covenant is a three-way promise ... between the two making the covenant with God as the ultimate mediator. Genesis 15:1–6 reveals God's covenant with Abraham. Exodus 19:1–7 reveals God's covenant with Moses. Both of these covenants were made between God and Israel. Jesus spoke of the New Covenant in Luke 20:22 ... a covenant prophesied in Jeremiah 31:31–34. The old covenant had many laws. The new covenant has just one (John 13:34–35). The new covenant replaced the old covenant (Hebrews 8:13).

How is the new covenant "good news" for Christians?

**Saturday:** *Who will you invite to worship with you tomorrow?*