

## **Sermon Outline:**

**Read:** Genesis 33

Responding to the Conclusion of the "Jacob & Esau" Story:

1. We rejoice that reconciliation defines the Christian faith

Cite: Psalm 51:4

Cite: Matthew 7:5

2. We humbly recognize that spiritual growth can be slow

Quote: "But no one in this earthly prison of the body has sufficient strength to press on with due eagerness, and weakness so weighs down the greater number that, with wavering and limping and even creeping along the ground, they move at a feeble rate." (John Calvin)

Cite: Galatians 5:16-26

Quote: "Only those who try to resist temptation know how strong it is. ... We never find out the strength of the evil impulse inside us until we try to fight it: and Christ, because He was the only man who never yielded to temptation, is also the only man who knows to the full what temptation means..." (C.S. Lewis)

Cite: Hebrews 4:15-16

3. We long for our final reconciliation

Cite: 2 Corinthians 4:17-18