**READ GENESIS 35:16-29**

1. What did you learn from the sermon and/or Word Like Fire?

2. Challenge. Read. Gen. 35:8. Including this passage as well as Dinah in ch. 34, how many tragic experiences has Jacob had in seemingly short order? What comfort and instruction does the word give us about how to deal with sorrow?

3. According to verse 21, Israel moves on from Rachel's memorial tomb. What does it look like as a Christian to move on from tragic loss and continue in God's purpose and will for your life?

4. In verse 22 an already sorrowing Jacob is faced with personal betrayal. How should Christians deal with betrayal at the hand of a family member, close friend, or co-worker?

5. Why is it healing and helpful to memorialize the death of an aging parent or a lost loved one? What kinds of spiritual attitudes, words, and actions minister lovingly to those grieving such loss?

6. Read 1 Cor. 15:53-58. How does the promise of imperishable bodies, as well as victory over death through faith in Jesus Christ, empower us to abound in our work for Him regardless of tragedy?

**Prayer Focus:** Let's pray that we would mourn our tragedies by faith in the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ.