

Mystic



✔ Prepare in Advance

- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.
- Retrieve, review, and have ready the videos listed below (links are provided on this session's webpage).
- Provide drawing paper, markers, pens, pastels for the group

✔ The End of the Story?

Read the text for today, Genesis 29:15-28, then view the *Bible Background Video*.

Lead a discussion on the following:

- Jacob's story at this point is unfinished. What hard lessons has he learned so far?
- If you didn't know the actual outcome of Jacob's life, what are the possible "roads" his life can travel from this point on?
Invite group members to share an "unfinished story" in their lives.

✔ Expressive Activity

Invite group members to depict their "unfinished story", and the possible outcomes for that story, using words/pictures/colors/symbols/etc. on the provided drawing paper.

Instruct them to leave some portion of the paper blank.

✔ Unfinished Stories

After providing time for the participants to complete their drawings, ask the group members to share their papers with each other. Then ask:

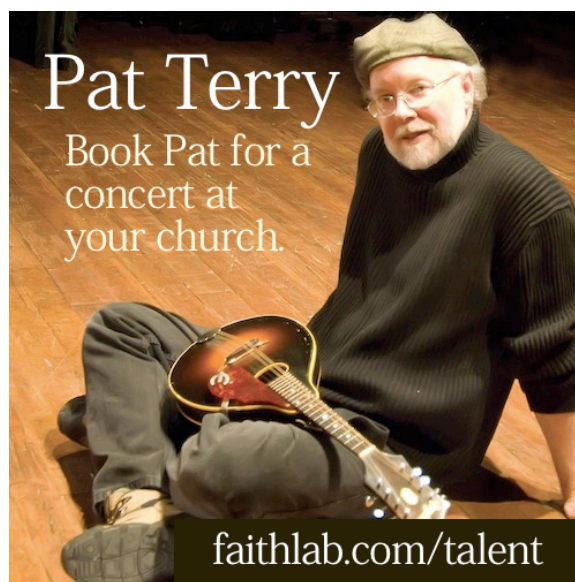
- How do you feel about your unfinished story?
- What are your hopes, fears, questions, doubts, certainties?
- What is your understanding of how God works in the "messiness" and "unfinished stories" of our lives?
- What is your understanding of how we can choose to respond/work/cooperate in the "messiness" and "unfinished stories" of our lives?

Relate the blank portion of your paper in some way to God in your life. Share your thoughts and feelings about your interpretation.

✔ Someday

Ask the group to listen to the song "Someday" by Nichole Nordeman (link is provided on this session's webpage). Close by allowing a few moments of silence for the group members to pray for each other.

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