

Series: **The Beginning of You, Fresh Starts, Sacred Reversals, and Everything in Between:
A study of the book of Genesis**

Title: **The beginning of our people**

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The LORD was standing there beside him, saying, “I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your offspring the land on which you are lying. Your offspring will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out toward the west, the east, the north, and the south. All the peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. Look, I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go. I will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”
(Genesis 28:13-15)

“...What have you done to me? Wasn’t it for Rachel that I worked for you? Why have you deceived me?”
(Genesis 29:25)

When the LORD saw that Leah was neglected, he opened her womb...Leah conceived, gave birth to a son, and named him Reuben, for she said, “The LORD has seen my affliction; surely my husband will love me now.” She conceived again, gave birth to a son, and said, “The LORD heard that I am neglected and has given me this son also.” So she named him Simeon. She conceived again, gave birth to a son, and said, “At last, my husband will become attached to me because I have borne three sons for him.” Therefore he was named Levi. And she conceived again, gave birth to a son, and said, “This time I will praise the LORD.” Therefore she named him Judah. Then Leah stopped having children. (Genesis 29:31-35)

“Your name will no longer be Jacob,” he said. “It will be Israel because you have struggled with God and with men and have prevailed.” (Genesis 32:28)

To Jacob:

Look, I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go. Genesis 28:15

To you:

I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Matthew 28:20

To Jacob:

I will bring you back to this land. Genesis 28:15

To you:

An inheritance that can never perish... kept in heaven for you. 1 Peter 1:4

To Jacob:

I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you. Genesis 28:15

To you:

He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion. Philippians 1:6

You are a new creation in Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:17

You are not your past.

You are a child of God. 1 John 3:1

You are no longer a slave to sin.

You are a masterpiece of God. Ephesians 2:10

You are not a mess.

You are accepted by God. Romans 8:1

You are not condemned.

You are chosen by God. Ephesians 1:11

You are not forgotten.

You are in the light. 1 Peter 2:9

You are not in darkness.

You will never be forsaken. Hebrews 13:5

You are not alone.

You are God's friend. John 15:15

You are no longer an enemy of God.

You are more than a conqueror. Romans 8:37

You are not defeated.

You are God's own possession. 1 Peter 2:9

You are not discarded.

You have been changed by the power of the gospel. Romans 1:16

You are not ashamed.

You have been raised with Christ. Colossians 3:1

You are not your old life.

Reflection Question:

What promise of God do you need to be reminded of today? How has He shown Himself faithful to you?

Scripture is the CSB unless noted.