



RCCG HOUSE FELLOWSHIP MANUAL

Week 21 — SUNDAY, 25TH JANUARY, 2026

THE ENCOUNTER AT PENIEL.

OPENING PRAYER

Father, give me special encounter that will increase my value and commitment in 2026.

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

The leaders should remind the members on last week lesson on knowing God and living according to His will.

MEMORY VERSE

“And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me”. Genesis 32:26b,

BIBLE TEXT

Genesis 32:24-29

Lesson Introduction. The encounter at Peniel was needed to change the direction of Jacob's life, to bring to reality God's promises concerning him. The encounter also help to change a bloody encounter with his brother to a peaceful one, though not without a price, but greatly rewarding.

Leader's Diary

LESSON AIM

To help members understand what encounter is and the impactful benefits.

TEACHING OBJECTIVES

At the end of the lesson, members should be able to:

Understand that encounter is demanding but rewarding.

Know the new beginning received through an encounter.

TEXT REVIEW

Genesis 32:24-29

Being alone with God yields a remarkable and rewarding encounter.

Being alone with God guarantees access to divine response to pending requests.

Power to prevail is another benefits received when being alone with God

TEACHING METHOD

Leader should use discussion method.

TIME MANAGEMENT

Share the teaching time using suggested time schedule.

LESSON OUTLINE ONE

DEMANDING BUT REWARDING

The encounter that will change our lives may not come easily. There are prices to pay for every height we desire to reach. Jacob needs to start a new phase of his life, which will launch him into becoming fathers of Nations but his name is a major stumbling block that needs to be changed. He wrestled with God in form of a man and prevailed and his name was changed from supplanter to Fathers of Nation. He took the following steps before the encounter:

He Prayed Gen 32:9-12

He gave gift Gen 32:13-15.

He was alone with God Gen 32:24.

At Bethel Jacob saw the house of God, where angels are coming down and going up through a ladder in his dream. But he needs a second encounter at Peniel where he saw God's face and his life never remains the same.

LESSON OUTLINE TWO

BRINGS NEW BEGINNING

Peniel is a life-changing experience that redefines your life, when you come to an end of yourself, your struggles, your ways or become dissatisfied with the status quo. Then you lay hold on God and refuse to let go until you experience a change - your old self dies and a new you emerges.

It is an experience that gives redefinition to your life - you discover your purpose, meaning and direction in life. It is not an emotion, but a tangible experience that is predicated upon your decision. A peniel experience brings you to the place in your life where you understand who you are and where you belong, then you refuse to adapt to where you are.

The encounter in Peniel (The face of God) brought these benefits;

Jacob reached brokenness. He lost all self-sufficiency and depended completely on God. Proverbs 3:5

New name at Peniel Isaiah 62:2

Repossession of generational blessings Gen 49:25-26

A closer walk with God started in the life of Jacob at Peniel.

Time of genuine soul searching and spiritual struggle.

Time of knowing God's grace. Jacob was alone with God.

SUMMARY

Being alone with God guarantees access to divine response to pending requests.

CONCLUSION

A personal retreat affords you the opportunity to review and renew your strategies, it refreshes you and helps you to renew your strength. Go to Peniel today.

PRAYER POINTS

- Father, give me new name that will end unprofitable adventures in my life.
- I receive divine repossession of generational blessings Gen 49:25-26
- Father, empower me to have closer walk with You for a new experience.
- Father, start with me a fresh, end all battles limiting my values.
- Father, please end every act of spiritual struggle amongst believers in your church.

GOLDEN DIET FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday | When man's way pleases the Lord, his enemy will be at peace with him. Proverbs 16:7 |
| Tuesday | When God is involved, your blessings will evolve and your case will be resolved. |
| Wednesday | Esau could not attack Jacob because, God's presence has made him a new man. |
| Thursday | There are privileges that come through encounter with God - new name. |
| Friday | Being alone with God gives one access to recovery of losses and deleting of evil records. |
| Saturday | Victory comes when God steps in to avenge your battles. |
| Sunday | Use today to demand for your right in your centre as Jacob did. Genesis 32:26. |