

FAREWELL, GOODBYE

Jacob didn't go to Laban and say **goodbye** before he left. Instead he left without warning.

- **Genesis 31:20:** "And Jacob stole away unawares to Laban the Syrian, in that he told him not that he fled."

When Laban overtook Jacob, Laban claimed that he wanted to kiss his sons and daughters **goodbye** before Jacob left. (That was a lie. That was *not* why Laban was upset at Jacob's sudden departure.)

- **Genesis 31:27-28:** "And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters, as captives taken with the sword? And hast not suffered me to kiss my sons and my daughters? thou hast now done foolishly in so doing."

When Elijah cast his mantle upon Elisha, Elisha asked him if he could kiss his father and mother before he left. (In other words, he wanted to tell them **goodbye**.)

- **1 Kings 19:20:** "And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?"

When Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem, someone said he would follow Jesus but first he wanted to say **goodbye** to those who were in his house. (However, Jesus wanted him to obey Him immediately, and not look back.)

- **Luke 9:61-62:** "And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

When Jesus called His twelve disciples, they immediately left everything and followed Him without hesitation. They didn't even say **goodbye** to anyone. However, other people Jesus called had all sorts of excuses about why they couldn't obey Him.

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The chief captain bid **farewell** to Felix in the letter that he wrote to him about the apostle Paul.

- **Acts 23:30:** "And when it was told me how that the Jews laid wait for the man, I sent straightway to thee, and gave commandment to his accusers also to say before thee what they had against him. Farewell."