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Jusepe de Ribera, "Jacob with the Flock of Laban," oil on canvas (1632), National Gallery, DC.

Genesis 31:10-13

נִיהָֿי בָּעֵת יַחָם הַצֹּאון וָאָשֵׂא עִינֵי וַאָרֵא בַּחַלְוֹם וְהָנֵה הַעַתַּדִים הָעֹלִים עַל־הַצֹּאו עַקְדִּים וְכְרֵדִים:

נּאֹמֶר אַלִּי מַלְאָךְ הָאֱלֹהֶים בַּחַלְוֹם יַעֲקֶב וָאֹמֵר הָנֵנִי:

ַנִּיֹאמֵר שַׂא־נָּא עֵינֵיךְ וּרָאֵהֹ כָּל־הַעַתַּדִיםֹ הַעֹלֵים עַל־הַצֹּאו עֲקַדִּים וּבְרָדֵים כִּי רָאִיתִי אֱת כָּל־אֲשֵׁר לָבָן עְשֶׁה לַךְ:

אָנֹכִי הָאֵל בֵּית־אֵׁל אֲשֶׁר מַשַׁחָתַּ שֶׁם מַצֵּבָּה אֲשֶׁר נַדָרָתַּ לֵּי שָׁם גַדֵר עַתַּה קוּם צֵאֹ מִן־הָאָרֵץ הּוֹּאֹת וְשִׁוּב אֵל־אֵרֵץ מוֹלדְתַּךְ:

Once, at the mating time of the flocks, I had a dream in which I saw that the he-goats mating with the flock were streaked, speckled, and mottled. And in the dream an angel of God said to me, 'Jacob!' 'Here,' I answered. And he said, 'Note well that all the he-goats which are mating with the flock are streaked, speckled, and mottled; for I have noted all that Laban has been doing to you. I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and where you made a vow to Me. Now, arise and leave this land and return to your native land.'"



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Reflective Question:

What is the single biggest obstruction that stands in the way of your dreams?

Leadership Challenge:

Discuss a leadership dream you have – the crazier the better – and one step you would need to take now to actualize it.

