

## **SCCC – AM I A PRIEST AT HOME?**

### **S – Scriptures**

“But if you find anyone who has your gods, that person shall not live. In the presence of our relatives, see for yourself whether there is anything of yours here with me; and if so, take it.” Now Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen the gods.” Genesis 31: 32

### **C – Consideration**

Jacob worked seven years as a payment to marry his beloved bride Rachel. In fact, he worked fourteen years, because his father in law deceitfully gave him Rachel’s Sister Leah when he had finished his time for Rachel (it is clear that Jacob would not work seven years for Leah, as it stated that he didn’t love her). This man saw in Rachel all that his heart desired, her beauty, her voice, her charm; however, Jacob forgot to share his faith, to tell her the greatness of his God and to let her know how foolishness would be to go after idols. When they left her father’s house, Rachel carried with her Laban’s idols, because she continually worshiped them. The terrible consequences were that unconsciously, Jacob cursed her, and as a result, both would lose so much: Jacob would his most precious wife, and she would lose her life because of his curse. She died in childbirth.

### **C – Commitment**

This event is an example that has so much to teach me about my priorities. Like Jacob, I can easily be deceived by my own emotions, and forget that I should always tell not just outsiders, but also those close to me who is the Lord. My church starts in my home. I can’t have a divided heart. Solomon at the end of his life bowed down to his wives’ idols. Jacob was blinded by his love for Rachel and was unable to see his wife’s devotion to false gods. Rachel was an idolater, and Jacob failed as the priest of the Lord to correct her. When he stood up against the idol worship in his household, Unfortunately, was too late to undo the curse he had spoken: “ So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, “Get rid of the foreign gods you have with you, and purify yourselves and change your clothes.” “As she breathed her last—for she was dying—she named her son Ben-Oni. But his father named him Benjamin. Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem).”

### **C – Call**

My God, how many times, like Jacob, I was blind concerning sin in my midst. How many times I was led by emotions and I didn’t honor your word, but instead, I honored people. Forgive my Father and give me a bold heart to correct and teach those who by ignorance are sinning against you. Lord, revive me that I might see if are there any idols in my heart, and to remove them from my life. In Christ Jesus I pray. Amen.