

## LESSON 16 GENESIS 25:19-27:46

- 1. What was one way God spoke to you from our lesson in **Genesis 23-25:18**, and how were you able to apply it to your life this week? If so, how?
- 2. Though it may be a familiar story, carefully read **Genesis 25:19-27:46** and pray for God to show you fresh insights into His unchanging nature.
- 3. a) Read **Genesis 25:19-26**. In **V21-22** we're told that both Isaac and Rebekah spoke to the Lord. Why did each one go to Him?

b) In your own words, how did the Lord respond to Isaac and then to Rebekah?

- 4. a) From **V22-34**, describe Esau and Jacob, including their relationship and different personalities. How do these verses speak to God's sovereignty given what He said in **V23**?
  - b) What feelings or questions does that prompt you in your own life regarding God's sovereignty? (Perhaps in your own family dynamics?)
- 5. Read **V27-34**. In your own words, what are some of the interesting dynamics developing in in this family? What 'red flags' do you see?

- 6. \*Note: The phrase "Like father like son" comes to mind when reading **Genesis 26:1-33** (also read or skim **Genesis 20** and **21:22-34** to refresh your memory).
  - a) In 26:2-6, how do we see God instructing Isaac, and what is Isaac's response?
  - b) How is God instructing you right now or in what situation are you needing Him to? How will you respond to Him?
- 7. a) Write a truth about the Lord as you read **V24**, keeping in mind everything that took place in the preceding verses of **Genesis 26**?
  - b) Record some of the ways you have experienced God's faithfulness in your life even when you have lacked faith or haven't followed in His ways.

- 8. a) In Genesis **26:34-27:46** we see more dysfunction played out in the life of Isaac's family, including dramatic sibling rivalry. What stands out to you the most and why?
  - b) Is there a sibling or family member in your life that you have wronged (or has wronged you) in any way? How might God be prompting you to act or respond? (Use Philippians 2:3-5 and Colossians 3:12-15 for inspiration.)
- 9. a) In **Genesis 27**, we see Rebekah (with Jacob) manipulate the situation using deception so Isaac's blessing will go to her favorite son. When have you been guilty of trying to control/manipulate a situation, even to a small degree?

- b) How do the verses below convict or encourage you when you are tempted to take matters into your own hands or when you feel that someone is interfering in your life?
  - Job 42:2
  - Psalm 147:5
- 10. God is faithful to prune you with His word—for your good and His glory. If you are convicted by similarities in any of your own relationships with someone in this passage, what would you want God to "**UPROOT**" and what will you ask Him to replant and grow in you? Explain.

"GOSPEL GLIMPSES": Throughout the Book of Genesis, we will see previews of Jesus, and a foreshadowing of the Gospel (The Salvation Story).

- 1. In **Luke 1:41-44** we read about a very different "happening" inside a womb. Read the verses and then describe the scene and who it involves.
- a) Even though Isaac (and Abraham) were given clear promises from God, there were times in their lives when they still didn't seem to fully trust. What evidence do you see of this in Genesis 26:9-10?
  - b) Contrarily, how did Jesus demonstrate His trust in the Father (and His love for us) according to **Philippians 2:8**?
- 3. Given that Jesus is in the family tree of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (**Matthew 1:1-2**), what hope does that bring knowing God's plan of salvation comes through even the most dysfunctional families?
- 4. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: Genesis 26:24 or Job 42:2
  - b) Form a prayer of praise to your Sovereign God or of confession regarding anything from this lesson.

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## PRAYER REQUEST