

The Heart of the Matter

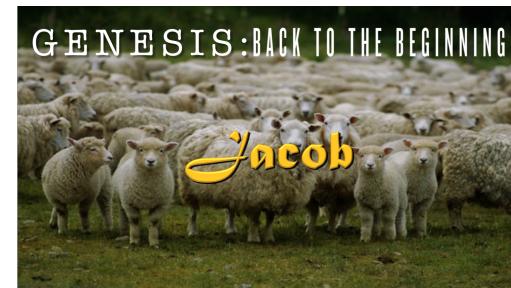
12. Whose blessing or approval means the most to you?

13. Whose blessing did you always long for but never received? How did that affect you?

14. From what you have learned here in this study about God's justice, sovereignty, and unearned grace, why do you think God chose you?

15. What areas of integrity do you need to ask God to help you with right now?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

Living With Integrity Genesis 26:34-27:27

For the Week of October 2, 2022

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. Did your parents ever play favorites with you and your siblings? What were some of the consequences?
3. When were you completely fooled by someone else's real character? Did you confront them or did you just let sleeping dogs lie?

Digging Deeper

4. What disturbed Isaac and Rebekah about Esau's marriages?

8. Which member of the family, Isaac, Rebekah, Esau, or Jacob, do you think is the most wrong here? Why? What should they have done?

5. In antiquity, both the birth right and the blessing were of vital importance to a clan. What is Jacob's trickery meant to achieve:

- a) He wanted the double portion of his dad's possessions usually reserved for the first born.
- b) He wanted the leadership of the clan which went to the one blessed.
- c) Jacob was obsessed with his own self importance.
- d) Other.

6. What does Jacob's deception tell us about his true character?

9. What three things were promised to Jacob in the blessing from Isaac and God? Where have we seen all of this before?

7. Although it was God's plan to give Jacob the blessing, was it right for Rebekah and Jacob to trick Isaac?

10. What lesson can we learn from Esau's grief at the loss of his blessing? (Hebrews 12:15-17)

11. How does Esau's motivation to kill Jacob compare with Cain's motivation to kill Abel in Genesis 4?