

### **Background**

- God's promise to Abraham and Isaac regarding descendants
- God's Word to Rebekah regarding her sons
- Isaac loved Esau; Rebekah loved Jacob
- Esau sold his birthright to Jacob

### **Discord Over Esau and His Wives**

- Brothers are 40 years old
- Esau married; Jacob still home
- Source of grief
- Don't know exactly why

### **Rebekah and Jacob Conspire to Deceive Isaac**

- Rebekah believed blessing would be real
- Why did she choose to deceive, not talk
- Jacob objected, but not on moral grounds
- 'Let the curse fall on me'
- Played to Isaac's remaining senses

### **Jacob Pulls Off the Deception**

- Starts with a safe opener
- Isaac is suspicious, unsure
- Jacob commits to the lie
  - Mimics Esau's word
  - Hairy skin, food and smell
- Everything else checks out

### **The Blessing is Given**

- Similar but not exactly the Promise God gave to Abraham and Isaac

### **Isaac and Esau Discover the Deception**

- Isaac trembles violently; Esau cries bitterly
- 'Bless me too!' Repeated 3X
- Isaac assigns blame to Jacob
- Can't take it back
- Isaac doubles down

### **Esau's Plan For Revenge**

- Wait until Isaac dies
- Kill Jacob
- Recover birthright, maybe reverse blessing

### **Rebekah's Plan to Protect Jacob**

- Thinks Esau will forget
- Lose both of you on same day?
- Deceives Isaac again

### **Isaac Sends Jacob Away**

- Isaac is not angry with Jacob
- Isaac now reiterates God's promise
- Jacob leaves

### **Esau Doubles Down**

- Stick it to his parents

### **Next Week**

- Family Matters
- God's Plan, God's Way