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- God's Plan to Redeem Mankind
- Teach Us About God and Ourselves

- Restore and Build Our Relationship
With God

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Genesis 26:34-28:9

Jacob Steals Esau's Blessing

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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

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Discord Over Esau and His Wives

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



Isaac Intends to Bless Esau

- Isaac is 100 years old
- Thinking about God's promise
- Might know about birthright and prophecy
- Make an event for Esau



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

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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

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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

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