

Big Idea: Abraham dies, and the Genesis narrative shifts to the next two generations. While the other sons of Abraham are blessed, they are dispersed and focus centers on Isaac and Rebekah. Initially infertile, they eventually have twin boys who are very different individuals. These differences result in favoritism, and eventually Jacob lures Esau into giving up his birthright. Through these events we see God's grace and plan.

I. Introductions

How do institutions (businesses, ministries, etc.) manage leadership change?

Can you think of instances when it has gone well? Instances when it has gone poorly?

II. Genealogies

Genesis 25:1-18

What does "gathered to his people mean"?

III. Birth of Esau and Jacob

Genesis 25:19-28

What do we learn about prayer from this passage?

What sort of man is Esau?

What sort of man is Jacob?

IV. Conflict

Genesis 25:29-34

What is a birthright?

V. Response & Application

A) Reflect on God's *undeserved grace*, as exemplified in this chapter.

B) How can you make use of your *spiritual privilege*?

C) Remember God's *unshakable plan*. What does this mean for you?