

Big Idea: Isaac and Rebekah and their twin sons Esau and Jacob are not a unified family. God's promise was that the blessing would fall on Jacob, the younger. But they each scheme and plot to achieve their own desires. The result is a deep family rift with long-lasting consequences. But God's plans still hold.

I. Review

What family drama has occurred up to this point?

Gen. 25:29-34

Gen. 26:34-36

II. Isaac

Gen. 27:1-4

A. What is the impact of parental favoritism?

B. What is Isaac focused on?

C. Why is Isaac giving his blessing in secret?

III. Rebekah

Gen. 27:5-17

A. Didn't God promise that Jacob, the younger, would inherit the blessing? So is Rebekah wrong here to ensure he gets it?

B. How far is Rebekah willing to go as a parent? Is it possible to *love too much*?

IV. Jacob & Esau

Gen. 27:18-

A. What is the difference between regret and repentance?

B. Application: Family conflict? Pray that God will reconcile and restore.

C. Application: Look back at your life. How has God's plans been accomplished, despite your selfish ambition (going your own way)?