

## WALK THE TALK //////////////////////////////////////

This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!) We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends or your group.



### For Discussion:

1. Can you relate to this family's dysfunction? What do you see as the biggest cause of it?
2. Who do you see as being most “at fault” and why?
3. If this was your family, how would you begin the process of helping them to change?

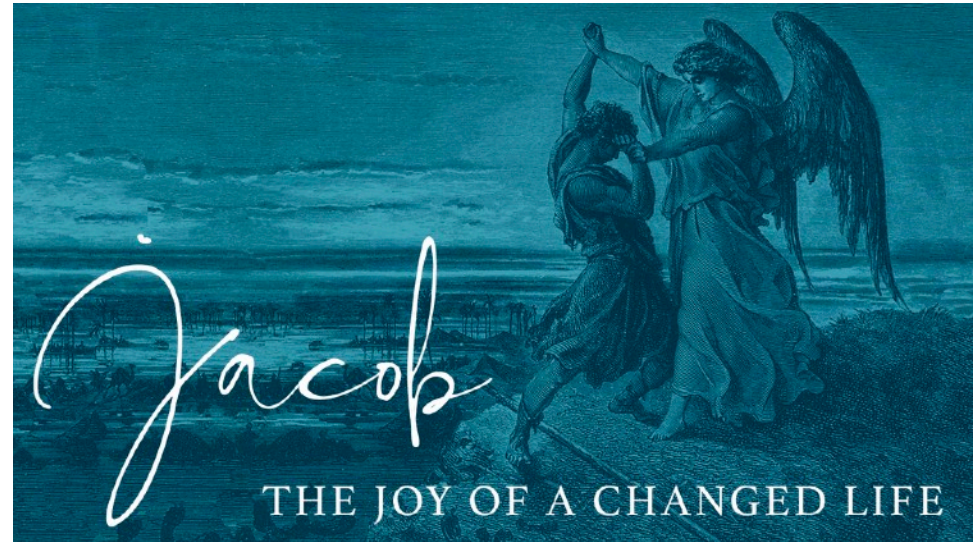
### Holy Communion Today!

- We practice an “open communion” so as long as you know the Lord as Savior and are trying to live the Christian life, you are invited to join with us.
- Our elders and staff will serve you the bread and cup. If you are sitting at a table, it is already provided. *A gluten-free bread option is in the center of the bread trays or at the back of the area where you are worshipping.*
- Enjoy the singing and worship time while the elements of communion are being distributed. You can also take this time to examine yourself before receiving communion.

1Cor. 11:27 So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. 28 Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

### Two questions to consider today:

1. In my church and/or my family, is there anything that I am doing that is causing dysfunction? How do I change this?
2. In my church and/or family, is there something that I can do to help limit or heal dysfunction? How can I be a healer?



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### LESSONS

1. People who feel inadequate or UNFIT for the Kingdom of God can become the BEST candidates for spiritual greatness.
2. True life CHANGE normally happens when a person faces a crisis, processes it properly, and SURRENDERS to God. People CAN change and that will bring JOY!

### QUICK REVIEW

Jacob's name — יַעֲקֹב — ya-achov — “heel-GRABBER”

Jacob became the THIRD patriarch of Israel INSTEAD of his older brother Esau. But the HERO of every story is God.

### ISAAC'S PLOY

Gen. 27:1 When Isaac was old and his eyes were so weak that he could no longer see, he called for Esau his older son and said to him, “My son.” “Here I am,” he answered. 2 Isaac said, “I am now an old man and don't know the day of my death. 3 Now then, get your equipment—your quiver and bow—and go out to the open country to hunt some wild game for me. 4 Prepare me the kind of tasty food I like and bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my blessing before I die.”

1. A father's BLESSING in Jacob's time was a gift that could not be REVOKED. (No Scripture, no priests, etc.)
2. The father's blessing was very often a PROPHECY that, when given, was only applicable to the ONE who received it.

3. Even though Isaac knew that God's plan was for JACOB to have the blessing (and the birthright was already his), he was determined to bless the WRONG son.

### REBEKAH'S PLAN

*Gen. 27:5 Now Rebekah was listening as Isaac spoke to his son Esau. When Esau left for the open country to hunt game and bring it back, 6 Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "Look, I overheard your father say to your brother Esau, 7 'Bring me some game and prepare me some tasty food to eat, so that I may give you my blessing in the presence of the LORD before I die.' 8 Now, my son, listen carefully and do what I tell you: 9 Go out to the flock and bring me two choice young goats, so I can prepare some tasty food for your father, just the way he likes it. 10 Then take it to your father to eat, so that he may give you his blessing before he dies." 11 Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, "But my brother Esau is a hairy man while I have smooth skin. 12 What if my father touches me? I would appear to be tricking him and would bring down a curse on myself rather than a blessing." 13 His mother said to him, "My son, let the curse fall on me. Just do what I say; go and get them for me."*

1. Instead of working together with her husband for the GOOD of their sons, Rebekah eavesdropped to WIN.

2. Rebekah gave her son Jacob a PLAN to be deceptive. Her plan included COSTUMES and a willingness to take the FALL.

3. Jacob's only concern was getting CAUGHT.

### JACOB'S PLAY

*Gen. 27:14 So he went and got them and brought them to his mother, and she prepared some tasty food, just the way his father liked it. 15 Then Rebekah took the best clothes of Esau her older son, which she had in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob. 16 She also covered his hands and the smooth part of his neck with the goatskins. 17 Then she handed to her son Jacob the tasty food and the bread she had made. 18 He went to his father and said, "My father." "Yes, my son," he answered. "Who is it?" 19 Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me. Please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing." 20 Isaac asked his son, "How did you find it so quickly, my son?" "The LORD your God gave me success," he replied. 21 Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near so I can touch you, my son, to know whether you really are my son Esau or not." 22 Jacob went close to his father Isaac, who touched him and said, "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau." 23 He did not recognize him, for his hands were hairy like those of his brother Esau; so he proceeded to bless him. 24 "Are you really my son Esau?" he asked. "I am," he replied. 25 Then he said, "My son, bring me some of your game to eat, so that I may give you my blessing." Jacob brought it to him and he ate; and he brought some wine and he drank. 26 Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come here, my son, and kiss me." 27 So he went to him and kissed him. When Isaac caught the smell of his clothes, he blessed him and said, "Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed. 28 May God give you heaven's dew and earth's richness—an abundance of grain and new wine. 29 May nations serve you and peoples bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may the sons of your mother bow down to you. May those who curse you be cursed and those who bless you be blessed."*

1. Jacob was willing to be deceptive and the lies were MANY.

2. Isaac was convinced by his sense of SMELL (clothing).

3. This was the SAME blessing and covenant that Abraham and Isaac had received from the LORD. It included wealth, land, authority, and most importantly, God's BLESSING.

*Gen. 28:3 May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and increase your numbers until you become a community of peoples. 4 May he give you and your descendants the blessing given to Abraham, so that you may take possession of the land where you now reside as a foreigner, the land God gave to Abraham."*

### ESAU'S PLOT

*Gen. 27:30 After Isaac finished blessing him, and Jacob had scarcely left his father's presence, his brother Esau came in from hunting. 31 He too prepared some tasty food and brought it to his father. Then he said to him, "My father, please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing." 32 His father Isaac asked him, "Who are you?" "I am your son," he answered, "your firstborn, Esau." 33 Isaac trembled violently and said, "Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and I blessed him—and indeed he will be blessed!" 34 When Esau heard his father's words, he burst out with a loud and bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me—me too, my father!" 35 But he said, "Your brother came deceitfully and took your blessing." 36 Esau said, "Isn't he rightly named Jacob? This is the second time he has taken advantage of me: He took my birthright, and now he's taken my blessing!" Then he asked, "Haven't you reserved any blessing for me?" 37 Isaac answered Esau, "I have made him lord over you and have made all his relatives his servants, and I have sustained him with grain and new wine. So what can I possibly do for you, my son?" 38 Esau said to his father, "Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me too, my father!" Then Esau wept aloud. . . . 41 Esau held a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing his father had given him. He said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob."*

1. Esau returned ready to RECEIVE his blessing, even though he KNEW that it shouldn't be his.

2. When Isaac realized that he had been TRICKED he shook violently, but affirmed that the blessing could not be UNDONE.

3. Esau set in motion a plan to MURDER his brother.

### LESSONS

1. The Lord was ABSENT from this family's life.

2. The parents set a poor EXAMPLE of unity and purpose.

3. Each person in the family had an AGENDA that ignored the NEEDS of the others. Selfishness RULED!

4. The family was never seen TOGETHER in the entire text.