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Bible Study:



Read Genesis 27. Consider the brokenness and division that must have existed in Isaac's household, which gives us a clear picture of the human condition. Thank God that He has provided redemption from the slavery of sin through Jesus' death on the cross. And let that be your motivation for striving for a Godly household in your life.

The gospel in the story:



The bad news that we (all mankind) is in need of a savior, and God is our only hope. This message is crystal clear in this story, as we see strife and division in God's chosen family. It is clear from the actions of all (Isaac, Rebekah and sons) that no one earned the distinction of being the one family on the planet chosen for carrying forward God's plan of salvation on their own merits. Only God could make good come out of that! God's plan of salvation for all would come through that family not on their merits, but on HIS. And that is good news for all.

Application

Head: **What did we learn?**

- Q: Who were Esau and Jacob? A: Isaac and Rebekah's son's (Abraham and Sarah's grandsons)
- Q: By tradition, who deserved the blessing? A: Esau, because he was the first-born.
- Q: Did Isaac and Rebekah have favorite sons? A: Yes. Esau was Isaac's favorite, and Jacob was Rebekah's favorite
- Q: How did Rebekah and Jacob deceive Isaac? A: They hatched a plan where Jacob would pretend to be Esau and fool Isaac into giving his blessing
- Q: What were the results of Jacob's deceit? A: He got the blessing, but also had to flee for his life and live in fear for many years and, never see his mother again.

Heart : **Memory verse**

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Hands: **How does this affect how I live my life?**

All the individuals in this story displayed many features of the sin and deceit that is in all of our hearts. Like Isaac's family, we all need a savior. Thank God for His salvation plan to forgive sin through the blood of Jesus.

Home: **How does this affect my household?**

It is clear that Isaac's family was divided against itself, and they therefore missed out on many of the blessings of a family united. God has put the law into the hearts of those who follow Jesus, and that law, through the power of the Holy Spirit, has the ability to unify our households. Households can be unified under the banner of Jesus.

Heaven: **How does this help us share our faith?**

Just as Isaac's family received grace – that is blessings they didn't deserve – we have received grace as well. That is a witness we can share with our friends and neighbors who don't know Jesus, and those who have come to understand that they have sin in their life that needs cleansing, may answer Jesus' call to put their faith in Him.