

Genesis

God's World. God's Story.



The Blessing of God Almighty

Genesis 27:1-28:4

Big Idea: Our God is Bigger than the Sin Within.

Outline:

1. The "Monster" Threat to God's plan: Sin from Within

- a. Isaac's Dull Faith: His eyes are off the promises and he has stalled in spiritual maturity.
- b. Isaac's Disordered Loves: He loves food and his favorite son more than God and the rest of his family.
- c. The Faith Family's Dysfunction: His lack of faith results in a divided marriage, deceptive schemes, and a family filled with hate.

2. The plan of Almighty God: One Blessing to the Nations

- a. A God Bigger than Human Failure and Family Dysfunction.
- b. One Blessing Big Enough to Include All who believe.

Discussion Questions:

1. How long have you been following Christ? What have been some of the “highs” and “lows” of your journey?
2. Why do you think Isaac struggled and stalled in his spiritual maturity later in life?
3. What are some ways the Bible describes spiritual maturity? How can you keep growing in spiritual maturity at your own stage of life and faith?
4. Isaac’s loves (for God, his wife, his sons, and material things) seem to have become disordered. How can we tell when our loves are out of order?
5. How is God’s love different than Isaac’s love for his sons? How can you show God’s love to people in your life?
6. God is called “God Almighty” in Genesis 28:3. What difference does a vision of God as “almighty” make in your life today?
7. God is still working to keep and fulfill His promises in Genesis 27-28. What is a promise from God’s Word that He is still working to keep or fulfill today?
8. Why is Esau excluded from the blessing?
9. Is God’s love in the Bible too exclusive (or narrow)? Why or why not?