

# Connect the Dots

FROM OUR FAILURE TO GOD'S FAVOR



**R** READ THE PASSAGE  
**E** EXTRACT THE MAIN POINT  
**A** APPLY IT PERSONALLY  
**L** LIVE IT OUT

## GENESIS 27:1-35

1 WHEN ISAAC WAS OLD, HIS EYES WERE NOT GOOD. HE COULD NOT SEE CLEARLY. ONE DAY HE CALLED HIS OLDER SON ESAU TO HIM. ISAAC SAID, "SON," ESAU ANSWERED, "HERE I AM." 2 ISAAC SAID, "I AM OLD. I DON'T KNOW WHEN I MIGHT DIE. 3 SO TAKE YOUR BOW AND ARROWS, AND GO HUNTING IN THE FIELD. KILL AN ANIMAL FOR ME TO EAT. 4 PREPARE THE TASTY FOOD THAT I LOVE. BRING IT TO ME, AND I WILL EAT. THEN I WILL BLESS YOU BEFORE I DIE." 5 SO ESAU WENT OUT IN THE FIELD TO HUNT. REBEKAH WAS LISTENING AS ISAAC SAID THIS TO HIS SON ESAU. 6 REBEKAH SAID TO HER SON JACOB, "LISTEN, I HEARD YOUR FATHER TALKING TO YOUR BROTHER ESAU. 7 YOUR FATHER SAID, 'KILL AN ANIMAL. PREPARE SOME TASTY FOOD FOR ME TO EAT. THEN I WILL BLESS YOU BEFORE THE LORD BEFORE I DIE.' 8 SO OBEY ME, MY SON. DO WHAT I TELL YOU. 9 GO OUT TO OUR GOATS AND BRING ME TWO YOUNG ONES. I WILL PREPARE THEM JUST THE WAY YOUR FATHER LIKES THEM. 10 THEN YOU WILL TAKE THE FOOD TO YOUR FATHER. AND HE WILL BLESS YOU BEFORE HE DIES." 11 BUT JACOB SAID TO HIS MOTHER REBEKAH, "MY BROTHER ESAU IS A HAIRY MAN. I AM SMOOTH! 12 IF MY FATHER TOUCHES ME, HE WILL KNOW I AM NOT ESAU. THEN HE WILL NOT BLESS ME. HE WILL PLACE A CURSE ON ME BECAUSE I TRIED TO TRICK HIM." 13 SO REBEKAH SAID TO HIM, "IF YOUR FATHER PUTS A CURSE ON YOU, I WILL ACCEPT THE BLAME. JUST DO WHAT I SAID. GO AND GET THE GOATS FOR ME." 14 SO JACOB WENT OUT AND GOT TWO GOATS AND BROUGHT THEM TO HIS MOTHER. THEN SHE COOKED THEM IN THE SPECIAL WAY ISAAC ENJOYED. 15 SHE TOOK THE BEST CLOTHES OF HER OLDER SON ESAU THAT WERE IN THE HOUSE. SHE PUT THEM ON THE YOUNGER SON JACOB. 16 SHE TOOK THE SKINS OF THE GOATS, AND SHE PUT THEM ON JACOB'S HANDS AND NECK. 17 THEN SHE GAVE JACOB THE TASTY FOOD AND THE BREAD SHE HAD MADE. 18 JACOB WENT IN TO HIS FATHER AND SAID, "FATHER," AND HIS FATHER SAID, "YES, MY SON. WHO ARE YOU?" 19 JACOB SAID TO HIM, "I AM ESAU, YOUR FIRST SON. I HAVE DONE WHAT YOU TOLD ME. NOW SIT UP AND EAT SOME MEAT OF THE ANIMAL I HUNTED FOR YOU. THEN BLESS ME." 20 BUT ISAAC ASKED HIS SON, "HOW DID YOU FIND AND KILL THE ANIMAL SO QUICKLY?" JACOB ANSWERED, "BECAUSE THE LORD YOUR GOD LED ME TO FIND IT." 21 THEN ISAAC SAID TO JACOB, "COME NEAR SO I CAN TOUCH YOU, MY SON. IF I CAN TOUCH YOU, I WILL KNOW IF YOU ARE REALLY MY SON ESAU." 22 SO JACOB CAME NEAR TO ISAAC HIS FATHER. ISAAC TOUCHED HIM AND SAID, "YOUR VOICE SOUNDS LIKE JACOB'S VOICE. BUT YOUR HANDS ARE HAIRY LIKE THE HANDS OF ESAU." 23 ISAAC DID NOT KNOW IT WAS JACOB, BECAUSE HIS HANDS WERE HAIRY LIKE ESAU'S HANDS. SO ISAAC BLESSED JACOB. 24 ISAAC ASKED, "ARE YOU REALLY MY SON ESAU?" JACOB ANSWERED, "YES, I AM." 25 THEN ISAAC SAID, "BRING ME THE FOOD. I WILL EAT IT AND BLESS YOU." SO JACOB GAVE HIM THE FOOD, AND ISAAC ATE. JACOB GAVE HIM WINE, AND HE DRANK. 26 THEN ISAAC SAID TO HIM, "MY SON, COME NEAR AND KISS ME." 27 SO JACOB WENT TO HIS FATHER AND KISSED HIM. ISAAC SMELLED ESAU'S CLOTHES AND BLESSED HIM. ISAAC SAID, "THE SMELL OF MY SON IS LIKE THE SMELL OF THE FIELD THAT THE LORD HAS BLESSED. MAY GOD GIVE YOU PLENTY OF RAIN AND GOOD SOIL. THEN YOU WILL HAVE PLENTY OF GRAIN AND WINE. 29 MAY NATIONS SERVE YOU. MAY PEOPLES BOW DOWN TO YOU. MAY YOU BE MASTER OVER YOUR BROTHERS. MAY YOUR MOTHER'S SONS BOW DOWN TO YOU. MAY EVERYONE WHO CURSES YOU BE CURSED. AND MAY EVERYONE WHO BLESSES YOU BE BLESSED." 30 ISAAC FINISHED BLESSING JACOB. THEN, JUST AS JACOB LEFT HIS FATHER ISAAC, ESAU CAME IN FROM HUNTING. 31 ESAU ALSO PREPARED SOME TASTY FOOD AND BROUGHT IT TO HIS FATHER. HE SAID, "FATHER, RISE AND EAT THE FOOD THAT YOUR SON KILLED FOR YOU. THEN BLESS ME." 32 ISAAC ASKED, "WHO ARE YOU?" HE ANSWERED, "I AM YOUR SON—YOUR FIRSTBORN SON—ESAU." 33 THEN ISAAC TREMBLED GREATLY. HE SAID, "THEN WHO WAS IT THAT HUNTED THE ANIMALS AND BROUGHT ME FOOD BEFORE YOU CAME? I ATE IT, AND I BLESSED HIM. AND IT IS TOO LATE NOW TO TAKE BACK MY BLESSING." 34 WHEN ESAU HEARD THE WORDS OF HIS FATHER, HE LET OUT A LOUD AND BITTER CRY. HE SAID TO HIS FATHER, "BLESS ME—ME, TOO, MY FATHER!" 35 BUT ISAAC SAID, "YOUR BROTHER CAME AND TRICKED ME. HE HAS TAKEN YOUR BLESSING."

## ACTION POINT

I CAN RELY ON GOD'S GRACE



# ONE THING



**GOD'S PLAN WINS EVEN WHEN I SIN!**

## READ

## RECAP

**GENESIS 25:22-23**

WHEN REBEKAH WAS PREGNANT WITH TWINS, GOD TOLD HER THAT THE OLDER ONE WOULD SERVE THE YOUNGER ONE.

**GENESIS 25:24-28**

ISAAC AND REBEKAH HAD THE TWINS. THE OLDER ONE WAS ESAU AND THE YOUNGER ONE WAS JACOB. ESAU WOULD GET THE FAMILY BLESSING WHEN HE GREW UP.

**GENESIS 27:1-5**

WHEN ISAAC WAS DYING HE ASKED ESAU TO BRING HIM FOOD SO HE COULD GIVE HIM THE BLESSING.

**GENESIS 27:6-24**

WHEN ESAU WAS HUNTING, JACOB PRETENDED TO BE HIS BROTHER AND WENT TO HIS DAD.

**GENESIS 27:25-35**

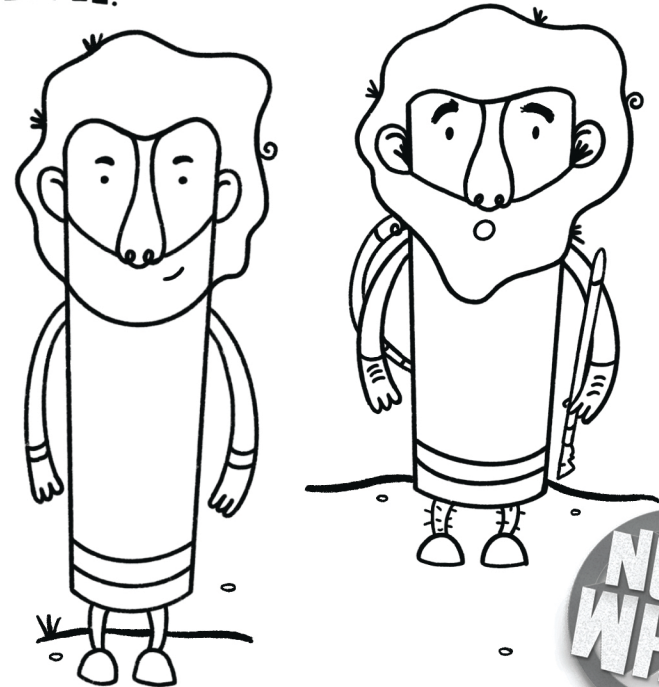
JACOB TRICKED HIS DAD INTO GIVING HIM THE BLESSING INSTEAD OF ESAU.



**HOW WILL YOU GET REAL ABOUT RELYING ON GOD'S GRACE THIS WEEK?**

# GENESIS 50:20

**"YOU MEANT TO HURT ME. BUT GOD TURNED YOUR EVIL INTO GOOD. IT WAS TO SAVE THE LIVES OF MANY PEOPLE."**



**GRACE MEANS GETTING SOMETHING WE DON'T DESERVE. WRITE DOWN SEVEN GOOD THINGS GOD HAS GIVEN YOU THAT YOU DON'T DESERVE. SOME IDEAS ARE FORGIVENESS, THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND A NEW LIFE THROUGH JESUS. THEN LABEL THEM MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AND PUT THEM ON YOUR MIRROR OR WALL. EACH DAY THANK GOD FOR GIVING YOU THAT THING!**