Genesis 27-28:9 • A Family Divided

1. (v.1-4) **Isaac**. Problems inevitably ensue when God’s **will** is subordinated to earthly **appetites** and **desires**. It often leads to **replacing** God’s plan with our own or **forgetting** about His entirely.
2. (v.5-17) **Rebekah**. **Knowing** God’s plan is not a **license** to make it come true according to our own desires and timing; it still requires **obedience** and **trust** in Him regardless of the circumstances.
3. (v.18-29) **Jacob**. While **man** can be deceived, **God** will never be fooled by our schemes; the more **intense** our efforts, the **greater** the consequences. **Hypocrisy** is the ultimate rejection of God’s Word and ways.
4. (v.30-40) **Esau**. God holds us responsible where our own **speech** and **actions** are concerned, even if they are elicited by **unrighteousness** behavior. We are accountable for our own **words** and **deeds** even when the other party disregards their own.
5. (v.41-28:5) **The Family**. No human **conniving** or attempted **manipulation** can bestow God’s will and blessing on another. The blessing Rebekah and Jacob **tricked** out of Isaac was not the more important one which needed to emanate from **God**. Man’s **ways** are not God’s **ways**.
6. (v.6-9) **The Grudge**. Unaddressed **sin** always leads to more **sin**; **rebellion** always leads to greater and more grievous **disobedience**. The worst casualties are most often the **loved ones** closest to us.