

Discipleship: The Journey With Jacob

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



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① EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

Read Genesis 25:19-34; 27-28; 31-33 (NASB)

(You would do well to read all of chapters 25 through 33 instead of just what is quoted here.)

25 ¹⁹ Now these are *the records of* the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham became the father of Isaac;

²⁰ and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife.

²¹ Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD answered him and Rebekah his wife conceived.

²² But the children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is so, why then am I *this way*?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

²³ The LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb;
And two peoples will be separated from your body;
And one people shall be stronger than the other;
And the older shall serve the younger."

²⁴ When her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

²⁵ Now the first came forth red, all over like a hairy garment; and they named him Esau.

²⁶ Afterward his brother came forth with his hand holding on to Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob; and Isaac was sixty years old when she gave birth to them.

²⁷ When the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the field, but Jacob was a peaceful man, living in tents.

²⁸ Now Isaac loved Esau, because he had a taste for game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹ When Jacob had cooked stew, Esau came in from the field and he was famished;

³⁰ and Esau said to Jacob, "Please let me have a swallow of that red stuff there, for I am famished." Therefore his name was called Edom.

³¹ But Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright."

³² Esau said, "Behold, I am about to die; so of what *use* then is the birthright to me?"

³³ And Jacob said, "First swear to me"; so he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob.

³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew; and he ate and drank, and rose and went on his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

27 Now it came about, when Isaac was old and his eyes were too dim to see, that he called his older son Esau and said to him, "My son." And he said to him, "Here I am."

² Isaac said, "Behold now, I am old *and* I do not know the day of my death.

³ Now then, please take your gear, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me;

⁴ and prepare a savory dish for me such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, so that my soul may bless you before I die."

⁵ Rebekah was listening while Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game to bring *home*,

⁶ Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "Behold, I heard your father speak to your brother Esau, saying,

⁷ 'Bring me *some* game and prepare a savory dish for me, that I may eat, and bless you in the presence of the LORD before my death.'

⁸ Now therefore, my son, listen to me as I command you.

⁹ Go now to the flock and bring me two choice young goats from there, that I may prepare them as a savory dish for your father, such as he loves.

¹⁰ Then you shall bring *it* to your father, that he may eat, so that he may bless you before his death."

¹¹ Jacob answered his mother Rebekah, "Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man and I am a smooth man.

¹² Perhaps my father will feel me, then I will be as a deceiver in his sight, and I will bring upon myself a curse and not a blessing.”

¹³ But his mother said to him, “Your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, get *them* for me.”

¹⁴ So he went and got *them*, and brought *them* to his mother; and his mother made savory food such as his father loved.

¹⁵ Then Rebekah took the best garments of Esau her elder son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son.

¹⁶ And she put the skins of the young goats on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck.

¹⁷ She also gave the savory food and the bread, which she had made, to her son Jacob.

¹⁸ Then he came to his father and said, “My father.” And he said, “Here I am. Who are you, my son?”

¹⁹ Jacob said to his father, “I am Esau your firstborn; I have done as you told me. Get up, please, sit and eat of my game, that you may bless me.”

²⁰ Isaac said to his son, “How is it that you have *it* so quickly, my son?” And he said, “Because the LORD your God caused *it* to happen to me.”

²¹ Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Please come close, that I may feel you, my son, whether you are really my son Esau or not.”

²² So Jacob came close to Isaac his father, and he felt him and said, “The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau.”

²³ He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau’s hands; so he blessed him.

²⁴ And he said, “Are you really my son Esau?” And he said, “I am.”

²⁵ So he said, “Bring *it* to me, and I will eat of my son’s game, that I may bless you.” And he brought *it* to him, and he ate; he also brought him wine and he drank.

²⁶ Then his father Isaac said to him, “Please come close and kiss me, my son.”

²⁷ So he came close and kissed him; and when he smelled the smell of his garments, he blessed him and said,

“See, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field which the LORD has blessed;

²⁸ Now may God give you of the dew of heaven, And of the fatness of the earth, And an abundance of grain and new wine;

²⁹ May peoples serve you, And nations bow down to you; Be master of your brothers, And may your mother’s sons bow down to you. Cursed be those who curse you, And blessed be those who bless you.”

³⁰ Now it came about, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had hardly gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

³¹ Then he also made savory food, and brought it to his father; and he said to his father, “Let my father arise and eat of his son’s game, that you may bless me.”

³² Isaac his father said to him, “Who are you?” And he said, “I am your son, your firstborn, Esau.”

³³ Then Isaac trembled violently, and said, “Who was he then that hunted game and brought *it* to me, so that I ate of all *of it* before you came, and blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed.”

³⁴ When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, “Bless me, *even* me also, O my father!”

³⁵ And he said, “Your brother came deceitfully and has taken away your blessing.”

³⁶ Then he said, “Is he not rightly named Jacob, for he has supplanted me these two times? He took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing.” And he said, “Have you not reserved a blessing for me?”

³⁷ But Isaac replied to Esau, “Behold, I have made him your master, and all his relatives I have given to him as servants; and with grain and new wine I have sustained him. Now as for you then, what can I do, my son?”

³⁸ Esau said to his father, “Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me, *even* me also, O my father.” So Esau lifted his voice and wept.

³⁹ Then Isaac his father answered and said to him,

“Behold, away from the fertility of the earth shall be your dwelling,
And away from the dew of heaven from above.

⁴⁰ “By your sword you shall live,
And your brother you shall serve;
But it shall come about when you become restless,
That you will break his yoke from your neck.”

⁴¹ So Esau bore a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him; and Esau said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob.”

⁴² Now when the words of her elder son Esau were reported to Rebekah, she sent and called her younger son Jacob, and said to him, “Behold your brother Esau is consoling himself concerning you *by planning* to kill you.

⁴³ Now therefore, my son, obey my voice, and arise, flee to Haran, to my brother Laban!

⁴⁴ Stay with him a few days, until your brother’s fury subsides,

⁴⁵ until your brother’s anger against you subsides and he forgets what you did to him. Then I will send and get you from there. Why should I be bereaved of you both in one day?”

⁴⁶ Rebekah said to Isaac, “I am tired of living because of the daughters of Heth; if Jacob takes a wife from the daughters of Heth, like these, from the daughters of the land, what good will my life be to me?”

28 So Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and charged him, and said to him, “You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.

² Arise, go to Paddan-aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother’s father; and from there take to yourself a wife from the daughters of Laban your mother’s brother.

³ May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples.

⁴ May He also give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your descendants with you, that you may possess the land of your sojournings, which God gave to Abraham.”

⁵ Then Isaac sent Jacob away, and he went to Paddan-aram to Laban, son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau.

⁶ Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan-aram to take to himself a wife from there, *and that* when he blessed him he charged him, saying, “You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan,”

⁷ and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and had gone to Paddan-aram.

⁸ So Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan displeased his father Isaac;

⁹ and Esau went to Ishmael, and married, besides the wives that he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham’s son, the sister of Nebaioth.

¹⁰ Then Jacob departed from Beersheba and went toward Haran.

¹¹ He came to a certain place and spent the night there, because the sun had set; and he took one of the stones of the place and put it under his head, and lay down in that place.

¹² He had a dream, and behold, a ladder was set on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

¹³ And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, “I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants.

¹⁴ Your descendants will also be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and in you and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

¹⁵ Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.”

¹⁷ He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on its top.

¹⁹ He called the name of that place Bethel; however, previously the name of the city had been Luz.

²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me on this journey that I take, and will give me food to eat and garments to wear,

²¹ and I return to my father's house in safety, then the LORD will be my God.

²² This stone, which I have set up as a pillar, will be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."

31 Now Jacob heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, "Jacob has taken away all that was our father's, and from what belonged to our father he has made all this wealth."

² Jacob saw the attitude of Laban, and behold, it was not *friendly* toward him as formerly.

³ Then the LORD said to Jacob, "Return to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I will be with you."

⁴ So Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to his flock in the field,

⁵ and said to them, "I see your father's attitude, that it is not *friendly* toward me as formerly, but the God of my father has been with me.

⁶ You know that I have served your father with all my strength.

⁷ Yet your father has cheated me and changed my wages ten times; however, God did not allow him to hurt me.

⁸ If he spoke thus, 'The speckled shall be your wages,' then all the flock brought forth speckled; and if he spoke thus, 'The striped shall be your wages,' then all the flock brought forth striped.

⁹ Thus God has taken away your father's livestock and given *them* to me.

¹⁰ And it came about at the time when the flock were mating that I lifted up my eyes and saw in a dream, and behold, the male goats which were mating *were* striped, speckled, and mottled.

¹¹ Then the angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob,' and I said, 'Here I am.'

¹² He said, 'Lift up now your eyes and see *that* all the male goats which are mating are striped, speckled, and mottled; for I have seen all that Laban has been doing to you.

¹³ I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar, where you made a vow to Me; now arise, leave this land, and return to the land of your birth.'"

¹⁴ Rachel and Leah said to him, "Do we still have any portion or inheritance in our father's house?"

¹⁵ Are we not reckoned by him as foreigners? For he has sold us, and has also entirely consumed our purchase price.

¹⁶ Surely all the wealth which God has taken away from our father belongs to us and our children; now then, do whatever God has said to you."

¹⁷ Then Jacob arose and put his children and his wives upon camels;

¹⁸ and he drove away all his livestock and all his property which he had gathered, his acquired livestock which he had gathered in Paddan-aram, to go to the land of Canaan to his father Isaac.

¹⁹ When Laban had gone to shear his flock, then Rachel stole the household idols that were her father's.

²⁰ And Jacob deceived Laban the Aramean by not telling him that he was fleeing.

²¹ So he fled with all that he had; and he arose and crossed the *Euphrates* River, and set his face toward the hill country of Gilead.

²² When it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob had fled,

²³ then he took his kinsmen with him and pursued him a *distance of seven days'* journey, and he overtook him in the hill country of Gilead.

²⁴ God came to Laban the Aramean in a dream of the night and said to him, "Be careful that you do not speak to Jacob either good or bad."

²⁵ Laban caught up with Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the hill country, and Laban with his kinsmen camped in the hill country of Gilead.

²⁶ Then Laban said to Jacob, "What have you done by deceiving me and carrying away my daughters like captives of the sword?"

²⁷ Why did you flee secretly and deceive me, and did not tell me so that I might have sent you away with joy and with songs, with timbrel and with lyre;

²⁸ and did not allow me to kiss my sons and my daughters? Now you have done foolishly.

²⁹ It is in my power to do you harm, but the God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, ‘ Be careful not to speak either good or bad to Jacob.’

³⁰ Now you have indeed gone away because you longed greatly for your father’s house; *but* why did you steal my gods?”

³¹ Then Jacob replied to Laban, “Because I was afraid, for I thought that you would take your daughters from me by force.

³² The one with whom you find your gods shall not live; in the presence of our kinsmen point out what is yours among my belongings and take *it* for yourself.” For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.

³³ So Laban went into Jacob’s tent and into Leah’s tent and into the tent of the two maids, but he did not find *them*. Then he went out of Leah’s tent and entered Rachel’s tent.

³⁴ Now Rachel had taken the household idols and put them in the camel’s saddle, and she sat on them. And Laban felt through all the tent but did not find *them*.

³⁵ She said to her father, “Let not my lord be angry that I cannot rise before you, for the manner of women is upon me.” So he searched but did not find the household idols.

³⁶ Then Jacob became angry and contended with Laban; and Jacob said to Laban, “What is my transgression? What is my sin that you have hotly pursued me?

³⁷ Though you have felt through all my goods, what have you found of all your household goods? Set *it* here before my kinsmen and your kinsmen, that they may decide between us two.

³⁸ These twenty years I *have been* with you; your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried, nor have I eaten the rams of your flocks.

³⁹ That which was torn *of beasts* I did not bring to you; I bore the loss of it myself. You required it of my hand *whether* stolen by day or stolen by night.

⁴⁰ *Thus* I was: by day the heat consumed me and the frost by night, and my sleep fled from my eyes.

⁴¹ These twenty years I have been in your house; I served you fourteen years for your two daughters and six years for your flock, and you changed my wages ten times.

⁴² If the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had not been for me, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. God has seen my affliction and the toil of my hands, so He rendered judgment last night.”

⁴³ Then Laban replied to Jacob, “The daughters are my daughters, and the children are my children, and the flocks are my flocks, and all that you see is mine. But what can I do this day to these my daughters or to their children whom they have borne?

⁴⁴ So now come, let us make a covenant, you and I, and let it be a witness between you and me.”

⁴⁵ Then Jacob took a stone and set it up as a pillar.

⁴⁶ Jacob said to his kinsmen, “Gather stones.” So they took stones and made a heap, and they ate there by the heap.

⁴⁷ Now Laban called it Jegar-sahadutha, but Jacob called it Galeed.

⁴⁸ Laban said, “This heap is a witness between you and me this day.” Therefore it was named Galeed,

⁴⁹ and Mizpah, for he said, “May the LORD watch between you and me when we are absent one from the other.

⁵⁰ If you mistreat my daughters, or if you take wives besides my daughters, *although* no man is with us, see, God is witness between you and me.”

⁵¹ Laban said to Jacob, “Behold this heap and behold the pillar which I have set between you and me.

⁵² This heap is a witness, and the pillar is a witness, that I will not pass by this heap to you for harm, and you will not pass by this heap and this pillar to me, for harm.

⁵³ The God of Abraham and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge between us.” So Jacob swore by the fear of his father Isaac.

⁵⁴ Then Jacob offered a sacrifice on the mountain, and called his kinsmen to the meal; and they ate the meal and spent the night on the mountain.

⁵⁵ Early in the morning Laban arose, and kissed his sons and his daughters and blessed them. Then Laban departed and returned to his place.

32 Now as Jacob went on his way, the angels of God met him.

² Jacob said when he saw them, "This is God's camp." So he named that place Mahanaim.

³ Then Jacob sent messengers before him to his brother Esau in the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

⁴ He also commanded them saying, "Thus you shall say to my lord Esau: 'Thus says your servant Jacob, "I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed until now;

⁵ I have oxen and donkeys *and* flocks and male and female servants; and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favor in your sight.'"

⁶ The messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau, and furthermore he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him."

⁷ Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people who were with him, and the flocks and the herds and the camels, into two companies;

⁸ for he said, "If Esau comes to the one company and attacks it, then the company which is left will escape."

⁹ Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O LORD, who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your relatives, and I will prosper you,'

¹⁰ I am unworthy of all the lovingkindness and of all the faithfulness which You have shown to Your servant; for with my staff *only* I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two companies.

¹¹ Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, that he will come and attack me *and* the mothers with the children.

¹² For You said, 'I will surely prosper you and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which is too great to be numbered.'"

¹³ So he spent the night there. Then he selected from what he had with him a present for his brother Esau:

¹⁴ two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams,

¹⁵ thirty milking camels and their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys.

¹⁶ He delivered *them* into the hand of his servants, every drove by itself, and said to his servants, "Pass on before me, and put a space between droves."

¹⁷ He commanded the one in front, saying, "When my brother Esau meets you and asks you, saying, 'To whom do you belong, and where are you going, and to whom do these *animals* in front of you belong?'

¹⁸ Then you shall say, 'These belong to your servant Jacob; it is a present sent to my lord Esau. And behold, he also is behind us.'"

¹⁹ Then he commanded also the second and the third, and all those who followed the droves, saying, "After this manner you shall speak to Esau when you find him;

²⁰ and you shall say, 'Behold, your servant Jacob also is behind us.' For he said, "I will appease him with the present that goes before me. Then afterward I will see his face; perhaps he will accept me."

²¹ So the present passed on before him, while he himself spent that night in the camp.

²² Now he arose that same night and took his two wives and his two maids and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

²³ He took them and sent them across the stream. And he sent across whatever he had.

²⁴ Then Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

²⁵ When he saw that he had not prevailed against him, he touched the socket of his thigh; so the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated while he wrestled with him.

²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking." But he said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."

²⁸ He said, "Your name shall no longer be Jacob, but Israel; for you have striven with God and with men and have prevailed."

²⁹ Then Jacob asked him and said, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And he blessed him there.

³⁰ So Jacob named the place Peniel, for *he said*, "I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been preserved."

³¹ Now the sun rose upon him just as he crossed over Peniel, and he was limping on his thigh.

³² Therefore, to this day the sons of Israel do not eat the sinew of the hip which is on the socket of the thigh, because he touched the socket of Jacob's thigh in the sinew of the hip.

33 Then Jacob lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two maids.

² He put the maids and their children in front, and Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph last.

³ But he himself passed on ahead of them and bowed down to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

⁴ Then Esau ran to meet him and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.

⁵ He lifted his eyes and saw the women and the children, and said, "Who are these with you?" So he said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant."

⁶ Then the maids came near with their children, and they bowed down.

⁷ Leah likewise came near with her children, and they bowed down; and afterward Joseph came near with Rachel, and they bowed down.

⁸ And he said, "What do you mean by all this company which I have met?" And he said, "To find favor in the sight of my lord."

⁹ But Esau said, "I have plenty, my brother; let what you have be your own."

¹⁰ Jacob said, "No, please, if now I have found favor in your sight, then take my present from my hand, for I see

your face as one sees the face of God, and you have received me favorably.

¹¹ Please take my gift which has been brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me and because I have plenty." Thus he urged him and he took *it*.

¹² Then Esau said, "Let us take our journey and go, and I will go before you."

¹³ But he said to him, "My lord knows that the children are frail and that the flocks and herds which are nursing are a care to me. And if they are driven hard one day, all the flocks will die.

¹⁴ Please let my lord pass on before his servant, and I will proceed at my leisure, according to the pace of the cattle that are before me and according to the pace of the children, until I come to my lord at Seir."

¹⁵ Esau said, "Please let me leave with you some of the people who are with me." But he said, "What need is there? Let me find favor in the sight of my lord."

¹⁶ So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir.

¹⁷ Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built for himself a house and made booths for his livestock; therefore the place is named Succoth.

¹⁸ Now Jacob came safely to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Paddan-aram, and camped before the city.

¹⁹ He bought the piece of land where he had pitched his tent from the hand of the sons of Hamor, Shechem's father, for one hundred pieces of money.

²⁰ Then he erected there an altar and called it El-Elohe-Israel.

EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN?

1. Genesis 25:21-28 gives a brief sketch of Jacob's early days with parental favoritism. Couple that with his mother's deceitful advice to Jacob in chapter 27. Now, describe the dysfunction in their family as best as you can. Can patriarchal families be messed up too? More importantly, what effect did it have on Jacob?

- 2 How did Esau console or perhaps control his anger? Chapter 27:41-42

- 3 Describe the working relationship between Laban and Jacob (Genesis 31:36-43).

- 4 Chapter 32 describes Jacob's greatest fear on earth. What was it?

- 5 What occurred before the reconciliation of Jacob and Esau? What significance did that angelic event have upon the "Trickster?" Give both physical and spiritual outcomes.

6. Read the "Ladder Story" in chapter 28:12-14. Does this seem out of place given the events of over 20 years that follow? What would you have done with Jacob if you had been God after his deceit and escape in chapter 27?

③ EMBRACE His Word

Why does this MATTER to me?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage:

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes
