

**DAY 1 – GENESIS 25:19-34**

1. What did you find new and/or interesting from the lecture?
2.
  - a. Why did Isaac pray to the Lord?
  - b. What specific blessings are you asking for your spouse in prayer? **(Personal)**
3. Read Judges 1:1, 20:27-28; 2 Samuel 2:1; and 1 Chronicles 14:10. What do you learn from these verses and from Rebekah in Genesis 25:22 about prayer?
4. What did God reveal to Rebekah about her children?
5. Isaac favored Esau. Rebekah favored Jacob. How does showing favoritism affect the dynamics of a family?
6.
  - a. What was the birthright? (See Dt 21:17)
  - b. What was the attitude of each of the boys regarding the birthright?
  - c. How does Hebrews 12:16 describe Esau's actions?
  - d. Do you consider the consequences of your immediate choices for your future salvation? **(Personal)**

**DAY 2 – GENESIS 26:1-22**

7. What evidence is given in the opening verses of chapter 26 that the relationship and covenant between God and His people continues through Isaac?
8.
  - a. What reason did God give to Isaac for keeping the covenant with him?
  - b. What point has God made to Isaac about the importance of obedience?
  - c. Have you been blessed by God because of the obedience of your parents? If so, how? **(Personal)**
9.
  - a. Read today's verses with Genesis 20:1-14. Compare the experiences of Abraham with those of Isaac.
  - b. Do you think it's possible to teach your children to avoid the mistakes you've made? Explain.
10. Do you see a change in Isaac's character in today's verses? Explain.
11. In what ways does Isaac's persistence and patience in the face of opposition give you encouragement to live your faith in today's culture?

**DAY 3 – GENESIS 26:23-34**

12. Why did Isaac's enemies seek him out?

13. a. How did Abimelech embellish his own (and his men's) behavior with regard to Isaac  
b. Is there a conflict in your life in which you might not see your own behavior clearly? **(Thought)**
14. a. What evidence do you find in these verses that God is a personal God?  
b. What helps to remind you that God is always at your side?  
c. How did Isaac respond to this personal God?
15. a. What did Esau do to cause the embitterment of his parents?  
b. Have you had to work to resolve religious differences in your family? If so, how? **(Personal)**

#### **DAY 4 – GENESIS 27:1-29**

16. a. Summarize the deception that took place.  
b. Could God's plan for Jacob have been realized if Rebekah and Jacob had not acted deceitfully?  
c. What does Hosea say about Jacob's actions? (See Hos 12:3)
17. How did Jacob profane God in his lie?
18. a. How was Isaac deceived by his senses?  
b. Do you base your faith on your feelings? Or is your faith an act of the will? **(Personal)**
19. List the main points of Isaac's blessing for Jacob.

#### **DAY 5 – GENESIS 27:30-46**

20. Why do you think Isaac was "seized with trembling"?
21. a. What was Esau's reaction to the scam?  
b. Where did he place the blame?
22. a. Do you think Esau was repentant of his disregard for the birthright he sold? Why or why not?  
b. Is it possible to have regret without repentance?  
c. What does Esau's plan against Jacob show about his attitude toward God?
23. How does Rebekah's decision to send Jacob away reflect the beginning of the curse in Genesis 27:13?
24. What lessons have you learned from studying this family?