



**A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of June 5, 2022**

**Birth of Esau & Jacob**

This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [Genesis 25:19-27](#)

<sup>19</sup> These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham fathered Isaac, <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> And Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren. And the LORD granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived. <sup>22</sup> The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is thus, why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. <sup>23</sup> And the LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,  
and two peoples from within you shall be divided;  
the one shall be stronger than the other,  
the older shall serve the younger."

<sup>24</sup> When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb. <sup>25</sup> The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau. <sup>26</sup> Afterward his brother came out with his hand holding Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

<sup>27</sup> When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents.

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- Have you ever **felt competitive** with someone? What did **they** have that you wanted?
  - What was **Isaac's prayer** to the LORD? Why would this be of such **importance to him**? What matters of the heart might **Isaac and Rebekah be struggling with**? (19-21)
  - Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah (20); He was sixty when she gave birth (26). Isaac & Rebekah **sorrowed and waited for some 20 years** in prayer to the LORD. **What are you praying and waiting for**? What kinds of things **happen in a heart that is praying and waiting**?
  - After the twins were conceived, Rebekah worries about her future and her strange pregnancy symptoms. She asks "*Why is this happening to me?*" (22), first in general, and then of the LORD. In your own life, **when do you worry**, and **what does it take for you to bring your anxious fears to your Heavenly Father**?
  - Rebekah conceived and the twins "*struggled together within her*". What did **the LORD reveal Rebekah about her children**? (22-23)
  - What else do **we learn about Esau & Jacob** as the boys grow up? (24-27)
  - In the New Testament, the apostle Paul reflects on the account of Esau & Jacob ([Romans 9:10-16](#)). In their story, **Paul sees God's sovereignty and mercy. How?** We will continue to explore God's gracious purposes in election in coming weeks.
  - It is important to remember that God's people longed and waited thousands of years for the promised Messiah. And **God kept his promise in His fullness of time** ([Galatians 4:4-7](#)). **Repent and pray together** in light of this week's passage.

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