



A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of June 12, 2022

That He May Bless You

This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [Genesis 27:1-13](#)

¹ When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called Esau his older son and said to him, “My son”; and he answered, “Here I am.” ² He said, “Behold, I am old; I do not know the day of my death.” ³ Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me, ⁴ and prepare for me delicious food, such as I love, and bring it to me so that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die.”

⁵ Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game and bring it, ⁶ Rebekah said to her son Jacob, “I heard your father speak to your brother Esau, ⁷ ‘Bring me game and prepare for me delicious food, that I may eat it and bless you before the LORD before I die.’ ⁸ Now therefore, my son, obey my voice as I command you. ⁹ Go to the flock and bring me two good young goats, so that I may prepare from them delicious food for your father, such as he loves. ¹⁰ And you shall bring it to your father to eat, so that he may bless you before he dies.” ¹¹ But Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, “Behold, my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man. ¹² Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be mocking him and bring a curse upon myself and not a blessing.” ¹³ His mother said to him, “Let your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, bring them to me.”

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- What are some of the most **powerful motivators** in your life, both good and bad? **Why do they have so much power?**
 - What are your **impressions of Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, and Esau** in this story? What words would you use to **describe each of them?**
 - Given this story, what might an **ordinary day be like** in the life of this family?
 - What does **Isaac ask Esau to do** as a pre-condition for blessing (1-4)? **Why?** (cf. [Genesis 25:28](#))
 - How is **Isaac acting contrary** to God’s prophecy to Rebekah in [Genesis 25:23](#)? What might **motivate him** to act this way?
 - How is **Esau about to break the oath** he took back in [Genesis 25:33-34](#)?
 - Compare Isaac’s speech (2-4) to Rebekah’s report to Jacob (6-7). What does **Rebekah leave out**, and what does she **add**? **Why?**
 - How does **Rebekah take matters into her own hands** in verses 5-13? What do you think **motivates her to act** this way?
 - What **risk raises questions for Jacob** (11-12)? How does **Rebekah manage Jacob’s fears** (13)?
 - When have you been **tempted to control, work around, or manipulate** others? **Why?**
 - The story of Jacob and Esau will teach us about humanity’s futile attempts to resist God’s purposes. This would be disheartening, if God was not so determined to bless the whole world. Our Father in heaven is very different than Isaac. **When have you been tempted to manipulate God** for a blessing? How has your **Heavenly Father freely blessed you?**
 - Our elder Brother, Jesus, freely gave us His birthright. **Repent and pray together** in light of this week’s passage.

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