

## **The Story Begins: God's Dysfunctional Covenant Family Genesis 27:1-40**

I. God's plan goes forward through a dysfunctional family. 27:1-17

"Dysfunctional" - Malfunctioning or behaving outside the model.

1. Breaking trust
2. Deception
3. Hurtful communication
4. Avoidance
5. Destructive anger

II. God's plan goes forward through a dishonest man. 27:18-40

III. God's plan goes forward in the disobedience of mankind. 27:41-46

John 13:27 - "As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. So, Jesus told him, 'What you are about to do, do quickly.'"

John 13:31 – "When Judas was gone, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in Him.'"

## Faith Sheet

**Series Memory Verse** -Genesis 1:26-27 *"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."*

**Monthly Verse** - Genesis 22:18 - *"In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."*

**Weekly Verse** – Psalm 11:7 - *"For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness; The upright will behold His face."*

### Reviewing This Past Sunday The Story Begins: God's Dysfunctional Covenant Family Genesis 27:1-40

1. What are some messed-up families portrayed on TV, in movies, or through other mediums? How are these families dysfunctional? What are some common dysfunctions in families? How can God's grace in the gospel overcome these issues?
2. What is an event in your life that you didn't understand at the time but later realized God used to bless your life?
3. How does the story of God's continual grace through messed-up people free you to be part of His plan?
4. In what kinds of situations do we find it easiest to lie? What do those situations tell us about what our hearts are craving?
5. What hope does it give you to know that God works even through our deceit and sinfulness to accomplish His plan?
6. How does the truth that God's plan is always working out for God's glory and our ultimate good help you face the surprises, disappointments, and hardships of your life?

*"In the great mystery of grace, God commandeers even our stupid decisions to accomplish His purposes in us."* J. D. Greear

### Preparing for Next Sunday The Story Begins: The God That Gives You New Names Genesis 32: 22-32

1. Read the passage and ask the Lord to reveal Himself and His truth to you. (Genesis 32:22-32)
2. HIGHLIGHT a verse or truth that stands out to you and write it out.
3. EXPLAIN the text in your own words to make sure you see the big picture of God's Story.  
(Who wrote it & why was it written? To whom it was written? What is the context? How does the text point to the Father, Son or Spirit? What is the text telling us about our new identity as believers in Christ or what we are to be doing?)
4. APPLY a truth from the text to your own life. (Focus on what God is saying to you and what is your act of obedience, confession, praise, giving thanks, etc.)
5. RESPOND in prayer and go live out what God reveals to you from the Scriptures.