

**The Story Begins: Dysfunctional People and God's Promises**  
**Genesis 27**  
**3-15-20**

Dysfunctional - Broken or behaving outside the model.

I. A Disobedient Dad. (Genesis 27:1-4)

*Genesis 25:23 – "And the Lord said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb...the older shall serve the younger.'"*

II. A Defiant Son. (Genesis 27:1-4)

*Genesis 25:31-34 – "Jacob said, 'Sell me your birthright now.' Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' Jacob said, 'Swear to me now.'... (He) sold his birthright to Jacob...he ate, drank, rose and went his way."*

*Genesis 26:34-35 – "When Esau was forty years old, he took Judith...the Hittite to be his wife, and Basemath...the Hittite, and they made life bitter for Isaac and Rebekah."*

*Hebrews 12:15 – "(see to it) that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal."*

III. A Dominant Mom. (Genesis 27:5-13)

1. Desires to control your decisions.
2. Manipulates you to get her way.
3. Lives in a disordered love.
4. You feel smothered and small.

IV. A Deceitful Son. (Genesis 27:12-29)

V. A Deeply Wounded Family. (Genesis 27:30-46)

VI. A Determined God. (Genesis 27:28)

*Acts 2:23 – "This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men."*

*John 13:27 – "...Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him... 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.'"*

### **Reviewing This Past Sunday**

1. How do you most appreciate God right now?
2. What are some common dysfunctions in families and how can God's Good News overcome these?
3. Who are you investing in at this time with the Good News?
4. In what kinds of situations do you find it easiest to lie or not speak up? What is your heart craving in these times?
5. Which of the main points from Sunday have most marked your life when you are/were foolish? Discuss the marks of a domineering person. What are the effects of this type of relationship? How does one break free?
6. *"In the great mystery of grace, God commandeers even our foolish decisions to accomplish His purposes in us."* J. D. Greear - How does the truth that God's plan is always working out for God's glory and our ultimate good help you trust Him with your entire life? (Psalm 33:10-11, Proverbs 16:9, 19:21, 21:30, Acts 5:39, Isaiah 46:10, 53:10)