

# BIRTHRIGHT & *BLESSING*

GENESIS 25:29-34; 27:1-40

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Sometimes we **DESPISE** God's grace, (25:19-34)

**appetites can control us** Galatians 5:17; Romans 6:16; Philippians 3:18-19

**feed with eternal, not with temporal** 1 John 2:15-17; Colossians 3:2; Hebrews 12:15-17

sometimes we **SCHEME** for our own gain; (27:1-29)

**affections can deceive us** Jeremiah 17:9; James 1:14-15

 **long for God** Proverbs 4:23; Psalm 63:1; Matthew 5:6

yet God **CHOOSES** to pursue us still. (27:30-40; Romans 9)

**his goodness, not ours** Romans 9:11-14; Titus 3:5; Ephesians 2:8-9

 **not for exclusion, but inclusion** Genesis 12:1-3; Isaiah 42:6; 1 Peter 2:9



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## Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

### Welcome to Life Group!

#### Getting to Know You

Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, take some time to catch up with each other as you gather.

If it helps, here's a question to discuss and break the ice as you get going. Have everyone answer:

*What do you know about your family history? Any famous ancestors? Relatives? What's the background of your family ethnically?*

### Digging Deeper – A Bible Study






**Use this guide for further personal and group study this week.** For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. Take some time to review your message notes. Looking back, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you this week? *Discuss it with your group before moving on.*
2. **Read Genesis 25:29-34 and Hebrews 12:16-17.** Why do you think Esau was willing to sell his birthright for a bowl of soup?
  - What does this event say about the character of Esau and Jacob?
  - Esau's (and later his dad's) physical appetite caused him to forfeit some things in the future. What are some of your appetites? Are you "feeding" them temporarily or eternally?
3. **Read Genesis 27:1-17.**
  - What do Rebekah's plans and Jacob's participation say about them?
  - What is Jacob most concerned about?
  - What does all this say about Isaac and Rebekah's home? (look back at 25:18)

# WELCOME TO WAWASEE!

This is who we hope you grow to *become* at Wawasee Bible...

*If I'm truly growing as a follower of Jesus, I should be growing in the ways that I am...*

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**1 | Receiving From God.** Am I reading the Word regularly? When am I gathering to hear the Word taught? What fruit of the Spirit do I see growing in my life?
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**2 | Responding To God.** How am I talking to and listening to God regularly? What are some healthy spiritual habits I'm working on (things like giving, scripture memory, repentance, rest, etc.)?
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**3 | Receiving From Others.** Where and how am I in community/friendship with other Christians in our church who have a window to speak into my life?
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**4 | Moving Toward Others.** How and where am I contributing to and initiating community with other Christians in our church? (Or am I only consuming?)
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**5 | Going to those Far from God.** How am I regularly going toward those who are far from God—loving them, sharing God's Story and my own story? When was the last time I shared God's story and/or my faith story? Who is on my PEARL list?

## WORD FIND IN THE WORD

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

### Word Find: Genesis 25:29-34 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>29</sup> **Once** when **Jacob** was **cooking stew**, **Esau came** in from the **field**, and he was **exhausted**. <sup>30</sup> And **Esau said** to **Jacob**, "Let me eat **some** of that red **stew**, for I am **exhausted!**"  
**(Therefore** his name was called **Edom**.) <sup>31</sup> **Jacob** said, "Sell me your **birthright** now." <sup>32</sup> **Esau** said, "I am about to die; of what use is a **birthright** to me?" <sup>33</sup> **Jacob** said, "Swear to me now." So he **swore** to him and **sold** his **birthright** to **Jacob**. <sup>34</sup> **Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew**, and he ate and **drank** and **rose** and **went** his way. **Thus Esau despised his birthright.**

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4. **Read Genesis 27:18-29.**
  - Jacob and Rebekah use deception to obtain Isaac's blessing. Were they wrong to do so? Is there a situation where deception is acceptable? Why or why not?
5. **Read Genesis 27:30-40.**
  - Jacob's deception and manipulation of Esau sets a pattern of behavior for him. Are there any negative patterns of behavior in your life? How can you break out of them?
  - What's the cost to those you love if you don't? (Think about how Isaac and Rebekah's patterns affected Esau and Jacob...)
6. **Read Romans 9:1-33.** (Consider reading it in a more modern translation like the NLT or NIV.) God's sovereignty is inscrutable; His ways are a mystery to us. God's election—of Abraham, Jacob, Israel, and of Christians today—rests entirely on His mercy. As believers, our reflection on God's election should lead where it does for Paul—to praise of God's mercy.
  - How does Paul's argument in Romans 9 help you understand God's election? Why does he choose to save us?
  - It is easy as a Christian to take God's mercy for granted. What are some practical ways you can recall the grace & mercy God has shown you in your life?

### Taking it Home

Jacob's story and Paul's struggle against "flesh" do not leave us hopeless, or excuse poor decisions, for Paul also states that in Christ we are a "new creation." We are raised to a new life through and because of Christ—a life in which sin has been conquered and we are empowered to live free of it.

- What habits or flaws are entrenched in your character? How did these habits begin for you? What would it take for you to begin to change it?

### Prayer

*As you close, take time to pray for each other.*

This week's study is borrowed primarily from Brown, Derek R., et al. *Jacob: Discerning God's Presence*. Edited by John D. Barry, Lexham Press, 2013, p. Ge 25:29-27:40.



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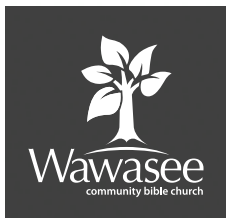
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