

**JACOB CHEATS HIS BROTHER ESAU****Genesis 25:20-28 & 27:1-41**

25:20 Isaac was 40 years old when he married Rebekah. 21 But Rebekah could not have children. So Isaac prayed to Creator God for her. Then God answered Isaac's prayer, and Rebekah became pregnant. 23 And God said to Rebekah, "Two nations are inside you. And the older son will serve the younger son – the younger son will rule the older son."

24 Rebekah gave birth to twins. 25 The first boy's name was Esau. 26 Then Esau's brother came out – and the younger brother was grabbing Esau's heel. So the younger brother was named Jacob ("he grabs the heel" or "deceiver"). Isaac was 60 years old when the twins were born.

27 The boys grew up. Esau became a very good hunter – he liked the prairie. But Jacob was a quiet man – he stayed near the tents. 28 Isaac loved Esau, because Isaac liked to eat wild meat. But Rebekah loved Jacob.

27:1 When Isaac was old, his eyes were bad – and he could not see. Isaac said to his oldest son Esau, 2 "I am an old man. Maybe I will die soon. 3 So get your bow and arrows – and go out to the prairie and hunt a wild animal for me. 4 Then make the delicious food that I like to eat. I will eat it – then I will bless you before I die. (You are my oldest son, so I will give you my special blessing – a blessing from God about your future.)" 5 So Esau went out to the prairie.

But Rebekah was listening – she heard what Isaac said to Esau. 6 So Rebekah said to her son Jacob, 7 "Your father will bless your brother Esau – he will bless Esau before God. 9 So, go and bring me two young goats. I will make some delicious food for your father – I will make food that he loves. 10 Then you take the food to your father. He will eat it – then he will bless you before he dies."

11 But Jacob said to his mother, "Esau is a hairy man, but I have smooth skin. 12 Maybe my father will touch me. Then my father will not bless me – he will curse me." 13 His mother said, "The curse will be on me! Go and get the goats." 14 So Jacob got the goats – and his mother made some delicious food.

15 Then Rebekah got Esau's best clothes – and she put Esau's clothes on Jacob. 16 Then Rebekah put goat fur on Jacob's hands and neck. 17 Then she gave the delicious food to Jacob – 18 and Jacob went to his father.

"Father," Jacob said. "Who is it?" Isaac asked. 19 Jacob answered, "I am Esau – I am your oldest son. Please sit up and eat my wild meat – then bless me." 20 Isaac asked, "How did you hunt a wild animal so quickly?" Jacob answered, "God brought the animal to me quickly."

21 Then Isaac said, "Come here – I want to touch you. I want to know: Are you really Esau?" 22 So Jacob went close to his father – and his father touched him. Isaac said, "Your voice is like Jacob. But your hands feel like Esau. 24 Are you really my son Esau?" Jacob answered, "I am."

25Then Isaac said, “Bring me your wild meat to eat – and I will bless you.” So Jacob brought the food to his father – and his father ate it. 26Then his father said, “Come here, my son, and **kiss** me.” 27So Jacob went to his father and kissed him. Then Isaac **smelled** his clothes – and Isaac blessed him:

“Oh, the **smell** of my son! You smell like the prairie – the prairie that God has blessed! 28God give you **much grain** and **new wine**. 29Nations will serve you – peoples will **bow down** to you. Rule over your brothers – your brothers will bow down to you. People who curse you will be cursed – and people who bless you will be blessed.”

30Isaac **finished** blessing Jacob, and Jacob **left** his father. **Just** then, Esau came in from hunting. 31Esau **also** made delicious food – and he brought it to his father. Esau said, “My father, sit up and eat my wild meat – then bless me.” 32Isaac said, “Who are you?” Esau answered, “I am your oldest son Esau.”

33Then Isaac **trembled** – he trembled very much. And he said, “Who came in before you? Who hunted a wild animal? Who made delicious food? – and I ate it – and I blessed him – and he will **certainly** be blessed.”

34Then Esau **cried** a **loud, bitter** cry, “Bless me – bless me, **too**, my father!” 35But Isaac said, “Your brother came and he **lied** and he took your blessing.” 36Esau said, “His name is **truly** Jacob – he really is a deceiver.” Then Esau asked, “Do you have **any** blessing **left** for me?”

37Isaac answered Esau, “I **made** Jacob your **ruler** – and I made **all** Jacob’s brothers his **servants**. There is **nothing** I can do for you, my son.” 38Esau said to his father, “Do you have **only** one blessing, my father? Bless me, too, my father!” And Esau cried loudly.

39Then Isaac answered Esau, “You will live **far** from good **soil** – and in a **dry place**. 40You will live by **fighting** with the **sword**. You will serve your brother. But **someday** you will make **yourself free**.”

41Esau **hated** Jacob because Jacob got the blessing from his father. Esau said **to himself**, “My father will die soon. Then I will **kill** my brother Jacob.”

## CONTENT QUESTIONS

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why did Isaac pray to Creator God? What did he pray for? (Genesis 25:21)

Is it important to pray for our spouse, parents, children or grandchildren?

- How long did Isaac & Rebekah wait to get a child? (verses 20 & 26)
- What did God tell Rebekah about the babies in her womb? (verse 23)
- What were the boys' names? (verses 25-26)
- Who chose Jacob? (Genesis 25:23)
- What does Jacob's name mean? (verse 26)
- What did Esau and Jacob like to do? (verse 27)

Were Esau and Jacob the same? Or were they very different?

- Which son did Isaac love? Why? (verse 28)
- Which son did Rebekah love? (verse 28)

Why do you think Rebekah loved Jacob more?

When parents have a favorite child, is it good?  
What happens in the family?

Which is easier for a parent?

To love a child who enjoys what the parent enjoys?

Or to love a child who does not enjoy what the parent enjoys? – to love a child who enjoys different things?

How can we show love to all our children?

How can we love all our children equally?

Do we have to treat all our children exactly the same?

Do we have to do the same thing for each child?

Or, do we love each child in a way that fits him (or her)?

What would be a good birthday present for Esau?

What would be a good birthday present for Jacob?

Is love just a feeling? What is true love?

*Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. Love is not rude, it is not selfish, it does not get angry easily. Love does not write down (in my heart) all the bad things someone does to me. Love is not happy about evil, but love is happy about the truth. Love puts up with everything. Love always trusts, it always hopes, it never gives up. Love never fails.* 1 Corinthians 13:3-7

Did Isaac and Rebekah show true love to their children?

- When Isaac was old, what did he tell Esau to do? (Genesis 27:1-4)
  - What **problem** did Isaac have? (verse 1)
- Why did Isaac tell Esau to do this? (verse 4)

Was Isaac following his own feelings about Esau and Jacob? (Genesis 25:28)  
Or was Isaac following Creator God's **plan**? (Genesis 25:23)

What happens when parents don't follow God's plan? What do you think?

- What did Jacob do to his father? (Genesis 27:18-27)
  - Who **helped** Jacob lie to his father? (verses 6-10)

What happens when a husband and wife don't **agree** about their children?  
What happens when parents tell their children to do **opposite** things?

- What did Jacob do to his brother Esau? (verse 35)
- So what did Esau plan to do to Jacob? (verse 41)
- Jacob did a very bad thing. But will God **change** his plan in Genesis 25:23?  
Will God's love for Jacob change?

Over 1000 years later, God **still** says:

***I chose Jacob.***

Isaiah 41:8

***I loved Jacob.***

Malachi 1:2

What is God's promise to us forever – if we believe in Jesus?  
Does God's love for us change?

***Nothing in heaven and earth can separate us from God's love – this love is in Jesus Christ.***

Romans 8:39

Jacob	ヤコブ（アブラハムの孫、イスラエルの12部族の父）
cheat	騙す
brother	兄弟、兄、弟
Esau	エサウ（ヤコブの兄）
Isaac	イサク（アブラハムの息子）
when	その時、という時に、いつ
marry	結婚する
Rebekah	リベカ（イサクの妻）
but	しかし
could not	できなかった
children	子供たち
so	だから、それで、それに従って、そのためには、そんなに
pray	祈る
Creator God	創造者、想像主
for	のために
then	そして、その場合、その時、そしたら、それなら
answer	答える、（祈りを）叶う
prayer	祈り
become - became - became	になる、なる
pregnant	妊娠する
nation	国
inside	中に
older	年上
son	息子
serve	仕える
young / younger / youngest	若い・より若い・もっとも若い
rule	支配する
give birth - gave birth - given birth	生む
twins	二子
first	第一、一番目、最初、まず、初めに、最初の
come out - came out - come out	出る、出て来る

grab	つかむ
heel	かかと
name	名付ける
deceiver	詐欺師、欺瞞者
is born - was born - has been born	生まれる
grow up - grew up - grown up	大きくなる、成長する
very	非常に
good - better - best	良い・より良い・最も良い、正しい
hunter	猟師
like	好き、好む
prairie	野原、原
quiet	静かな、穏やかな
stay	いる、止まる
near	近く
tent	天幕
love	愛する、愛
because	～のため、～のせい、なぜなら
wild	野生
meat	肉
old	古い、年寄り、年を取った
eye	目
bad	悪い
see - saw - seen	見る、見える
man (1 man / 2 men)	男の人
maybe	もしかしたら
die	死ぬ
soon	すぐに
get - got - gotten	受ける、もらう、得る、になる
bow	弓
arrow	矢
go out - went out - gone out	出る、出かける

hunt	狩る
animal	動物
delicious	美味しい
food	食べ物、食糧
eat - ate - eaten	食べる
bless	祝福する
before	前
special	特別な
blessing	祝福
about	について、約
future	将来、未来
listen	(わざと) 聞く
hear - heard - heard	聞く
before (God)	(神の) 前
bring - brought - brought	連れてくる、持ってくる
goat	山羊
take - took - taken	取る、受ける、奪う
hairy	毛深い
smooth	滑らか
skin	肌
touch	触る
curse	呪う
best (good / better / best)	最も良い
clothes [発音：kloze]	衣服、衣、洋服
fur	毛皮
neck	首
who	誰
ask	尋ねる、聞く
please	ください、お願いします
sit up	ちゃんと座る、背筋を伸ばして座る、

quickly	早く
come - came - come	来る
here	ここ
want to	...たい （やりたい、知りたい、など）
know - knew - known	知る
really	本当に、実に
close / closer / closer	近い・より近い・最も近い
voice	声
like	のように、似る
feel - felt - felt	手触り
kiss	口づけする
smell	嗅ぐ
smell	香り、匂い
much	大いに
grain	穀物
new	新しい
wine	ぶどう酒、ワイン
bow down	ひれ伏す
finish	終わる
leave - left - left	離れる、出ていく
just	ちょうど
also	また、も、それに
tremble	震える
certainly	確かに
cry	泣く、叫ぶ
loud	大きな音
bitter	苦い、苦痛な
too	も
lie	嘘をつく
truly	全く



any	ほんの少しでも
leave - left - (is) <u>left</u>	残る・残った・ <u>残っている</u>
make - made - made	させる
ruler	支配者
all	すべて
servant	しもべ
nothing	何もない、無
only	だけ、のみ、ただ、ひとりの、ただ一人の、ただ一つの
far	遠く
soil	土
dry	乾いた、乾く、乾かす
place	場所、所
fighting	戦うこと
sword	剣
someday	ある日
yourself	あなた自身
free	自由、自由にさせる
hate	憎む
to himself	彼自身に（独り言、心の中で）
kill	殺す
_____	
why	なぜ、どうして
important	大切
spouse	夫か妻、配偶者
parent (parents)	親（両親）
grandchild (2 grandchildren)	孫
how long	どのくらい（の長さ・の時間）
wait	待つ
tell - told - told	命じる、伝える、教える
baby	赤ちゃん

womb	胎
choose - chose - chosen	選ぶ
mean - meant - meant	意味する
same	同じ
different	違う
which	どちら
more	もっと、～より
favorite	一番の好きな
happen	起こる
family	家族
easy / easier / easiest	やりやすい、簡単・より簡単・最も簡単
enjoy	楽しむ
show	示す
equally	平等に
treat	取り扱う、扱う
exactly	ちょうど
have to	しなければならない
each	各、一つ一つ、めいめい、それぞれ
way	方法
fit	合う
birthday present	誕生日プレゼント
feeling	気持ち
TRUE	事実、本当の
patient	忍耐強い
kind	親切
envy	妬む
boast	自慢する
proud	高慢
rude	失礼
selfish	自己中心
angry	怒る

easily	簡単に、やりやすく
write down - wrote down - written down	書き記す
heart	心
someone	誰か
evil	悪
truth	真理
put up with	忍
always	いつも
trust	信頼する
hope	望む
give up - gave up - given up	諦める
fail	失敗に終わる
problem	問題
follow	従う、後をついていく
plan	計画、計画を立てる
help	助ける、助け
agree	受け入れる、一致する
opposite	反対、逆
change	変わる、変える
still	まだ、今でも
separate	引き離す