

Genesis 25-50 ~ Real Promises: Family Feuds ~ September 28, 2008

“In a very real sense, not one of us is qualified but it seems that God continually chooses the most unqualified to do His work, to bear His glory. If we are qualified, we tend to think that we have done the job ourselves. If we are forced to accept our evident lack of qualification, then there's no danger that we will confuse God's work with our own or God's glory with our own.” - Madeleine L'Engle

- I. Isaac and family
 - a. Isaac's sons (Genesis 25:19-29, 30-34)

 - b. Continuation of the blessing (Genesis 26:24)

 - c. The Birthright (Genesis 27:1-46)

- II. Jacob
 - a. Continuation of the blessing (Genesis 28:13-15)

 - b. Jacob flees from Laban (Gen 31:25-30)

 - c. Dinah and the Shechemites (Gen 34)

 - d. Judah and Tamar (Gen 38)

 - e. Joseph (Gen 37-50)

III. Significance

- a. God's people don't always act as God's people . . .
- b. . . . but God is still powerfully gracious.

IV. Announcements

- a. 30 Hour Famine 2008 prizes are in. Please see Jade to receive your prize.
- b. Next Saturday, October 4 from 11 am to 4 pm - Family Fair. Fun, food, and more! Would you like to make and sell some of your own food OR volunteer to help out at the fair? Please contact Justin if interested.
- c. Friday, October 24 @ 6 pm through Sunday, October 26 at 3:30 pm - Fall Retreat. More info and registration on our website: indychinesechurch.org/youth *Early bird deadline is next Sunday!*
- d. Saturday, November 15 – Operation Christmas Child
- e. Sunday, June 14 to Friday, June 19, 2009: STM 2009! Please express your interest to Justin this week.

V. Small Group Discussion Questions

- a. What story from today surprised you the most and why?
- b. How is God's powerful grace shown in the Bible? In your life?
- c. Pray thanking God for his powerful grace and asking that our eyes be able to see this powerful grace more readily.