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## JACOB: God's Rascal in the Grip of God's Grace

Lesson Five • Genesis 27:1-40

### The Stolen Blessing

#### A Dysfunctional Family and The Stolen Blessing

God's redemptive plan is accomplished in spite of and through FLAWED people.

Nothing is able to impede God's redemptive plan to extend His blessing of salvation to all the nations of the earth. God will make His blessing of salvation flow as far as the curse of sin is found throughout the earth.

#### The Stolen Blessing

# 1. Take Note of the Pervasive <u>PERVERSITY</u> of God's Servants!

#### The Blessing Stolen

- An irresponsible father: <u>ISSAC</u> attempts to circumvent God's plan by acting on his favoritism (v. 1-4).
- A manipulative mother: <u>REBEKAH</u> tries to ensure God's plan for blessing by her scheming (v. 5-17).
- A deceitful brother: <u>JACOB</u> attains the blessing through the deception of his father (v. 18-29).
- A remorseful brother: <u>ESAU</u> reacts to the "stolen blessing" with bitter grief (v. 30-40).

## 2. Take Heart in the Victorious SOVEREIGNTY of God!

#### The Blessing Given

Jacob was given the <u>BLESSING</u> that God had promised, thereby accomplishing God's redemptive plan (*Gen.* 25:23; 27:27-29).

#### Three Truths

- > The fact that God ordained the <u>ENDS</u> does not mean that He approved the means.
- God's <u>WILL</u> is always accomplished; it cannot be derailed, overturned, or thwarted.
- God accomplishes His will not only in spite of but also <u>THROUGH</u> the sinful deeds of people.

#### How Can You Receive God's Blessing?

We receive God's blessing of salvation by grace through <u>FAITH</u> in Jesus Christ, the One who took the curse of sin by dying on the Cross.