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Worship Service
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JACOB: God's Rascal in the Grip of God's Grace

Lesson Six • Genesis 27:41 – 28:9

Tragedy of Sin & Triumph of Grace

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When we SEEK our own way, we never get all we wanted and we pay a high price for what we do get. But when we SURRENDER our ways to God, we will never be more blessed than in the grip of God's grace.

Tragedy and Triumph in Three Acts

Act 1: A Faithless SON Embracing His Sin

Esau's Faithless Heart

- Esau HATED Jacob so much for stealing the blessing that he plotted to kill him (*Gen. 27:41*).
- Esau never REPENTED of his sin and turned to God for grace and mercy (*Heb. 12:17*).

Act 2: A Deceptive MOM Holding On to Her Ways

Rebekah's Deceptive Heart

- Rebekah INSTRUCTED Jacob to flee to Haran for a few days after learning about Esau's intent to kill him (*Gen. 27:42-45*).
- Rebekah INFLUENCED Isaac to send Jacob away to Haran for one reason while hiding her real reason (*Gen. 27:46*).

Act 3: A Surrendered DAD Blessing His Son

Isaac's Surrendered Heart

Isaac finally surrendered his WILL to God when he "trembled very violently" realizing at that moment God's will was sovereign (*Gen. 27:33*).

Isaac's Faithful Act

- Isaac DIRECTED Jacob not to take a Canaanite wife (*Gen. 28:1-5*).
- Isaac BLESSED Jacob with faith-filled sincerity (*Gen. 28:1-5*).

Esau's Faithless Act

Esau MARRIED a third wife from Ishmael's family desperately seeking another way to earn his father's blessing (*Gen. 28:6-9*).

Takeaway

FAILURE to honor God's Word never results in blessing,
but FAITHFULNESS to honor God's Word always results in blessing.