

SERIES TITLE: #LivingByFaith

PART 5: THROUGH VALUES

TEXT: GENESIS 25

INTRODUCTION.

The life of the great patriarch Abraham comprises a large portion of Genesis. As we continue studying through the entire book, we learn what it means to live by faith.

DISCUSSION.

Growing up, did you consider yourself a “favored” child? Why or why not?

EXAMINATION.

- 25:19-22 What stands out to you about the situations Isaac and Rebekah faced, and what is commendable about their response?
- 25:23-26 Why do you think God chose one son over the other, even before birth?
- 25:27-34 Based on this text how would you describe Esau? Jacob?

APPLICATION.

- Read Hebrews 12:16-17. How does this inform your understanding of this story and how it connects to believers today?
- Consider how the following statement might apply in your life: “When you value the wrong things, you miss God’s blessing.”
- Are there any ways you have lived as a “heel grabber,” always striving to put yourself in a place of favor and blessing with others and with God?
- Can you think of some practical examples of how to value God’s promises more than your own desires?
- How can you overcome the tendency to value the approval of others more than God’s approval?
- Hebrews 12:23 refers to the entire family of God as firstborn children. What difference should that make in your life?

- When you consider your relationship with God as your Heavenly Father, do you consider yourself a favored and beloved son or daughter? Why or why not?
- What can you do to improve your perspective?
- Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?
- Act: What are you going to do?