

The Heart of the Matter

14. Which of Jacob's traits best describes you:

- a) quiet
- b) homebody
- c) momma's boy
- d) grabber
- e) opportunist (shyster)

15. Which of Esau's traits best describes you:

- a) red-head
- b) hairy
- c) hunter
- d) need for instant gratification
- e) daddy's boy

16. Were you ever in a conflict with a family member in the past? What did you do to resolve your issues?

17. Are you in conflict with a family member right now? What do you need to do right now to make things right? (Romans 12:18)

18. Are you in conflict with God right now? What do you need to do right now to make things right?

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Life Group Study Guide

Leaving a Living Legacy Genesis 25:1-34 For the Week of April 15, 2018

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

2. What do you know about your own birth?

3. Notice God's creativity in making the sons of Isaac so different. How are you different or similar to the people in your family?

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Digging Deeper

4. Why did Abraham send his other sons away in verses 5-6?

5. What does it mean that Abraham “was gathered to his people” in verse 8?

6. Earlier in Genesis, where is there a prophecy that Ishmael would have 12 sons as listed in verses 13-16?

7. What is the significance of Jacob’s grasp of Esau’s heel at birth?

8. What benefits were to come to the son with the birthright? (V5; Hebrews 12:16-17)

9. Which of these brothers does God elect? On what basis? What does this tell you about God? (Romans 9:10-16)

10. Both Isaac and Rebekah had a favorite son. How does favoritism cause trouble in families?

11. Did Jacob cheat his brother out of his birthright? What should he have done when his brother was hungry?

12. Was God unfair to Esau by allowing him to serve his brother and lose his birthright?

13. What did Esau’s willingness to sell his birthright, for a bowl of stew, show about him?