

The Heart of the Matter

14. The progression of an idol of the heart was discussed as follows:

Desire > Expectation > Demand > Judgment > Punishment

Work backwards through this progression to identify any desires that are controlling your heart. Ask yourself:

- a. How am I punishing others?
 - b. How am I judging others?
 - c. What am I demanding of others?
 - d. Am I holding anyone in contempt over my expectations?
 - e. What is the root desire of my expectations?
15. What is the hardest thing for you to do right now in your situation?
- a) Putting on Christ.
 - b) Speaking the truth in love.
 - c) Not sinning.
 - d) Keeping short accounts.
 - e) Attacking problems and not people.
 - f) Acting rightly and not reacting.
16. What do you need to do next in your relationships to make things right?

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Life Group Study Guide

Overcoming Disappointment Genesis 27:28-41 For the Week of May 13, 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 is the biggest disappointment that you have ever encountered?

3. How do you usually handle disappointment?
 - a) Run for your life.
 - b) Run off at the mouth.
 - c) Run people off the road.
 - d) Run at people.
 - e) Run to your Savior.

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Digging Deeper

4. What three things does Isaac bless Jacob with in Genesis 27:28-29?

5. What are some requests that you have asked God for on behalf of your children?

6. How do you react when someone has taken advantage of you?

7. List three good Bible passages that help you rest in the Lord when someone is trying to take advantage of you or has broken your heart.

8. What are some ways that you have handled disappointment in the past?

9. Read Psalm 37 and 73. What do these Psalms warn you not to do in the midst of disappointment?

10. What do these Psalms instruct you to do?

11. List the comforting promises that these two Psalms provide in the midst of conflict.

12. What seems to be driving Esau more than anything else in v36-38? Can you relate to him?

13. What are the consequences of Esau's attitude found in verse 41?