



THE WAY OF BLESSING

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To walk with God is to walk in conflict with the ways of the world

The portrait we get of Jacob is far richer and more complex than anyone else in Genesis. Unlike the God-fearing Abraham, Jacob is largely self-absorbed, self-reliant, and in conflict with everyone around him. Very little comes easy to him, but with an eye on the blessing of God, he endures and prevails. He shows us that no one is beyond the call of God.

READ GENESIS 25:19-34.

1. What most impresses you or disturbs you about this passage?
2. Has God ever answered a prayer in a way that surprised or even shocked you (Genesis 25:21-22)? (see Isaiah 55:8-9)
3. Why might the call of God in your life also bring about conflict with others or the world around you? (see John 15:18-19)
4. In what ways are the Lord's words conflicted with the culture's social and legal expectations (Genesis 25:23)? (see Deuteronomy 21:15-17)
5. How does the choice of the younger son here point to the gospel of God's grace? (see Romans 9:10-16; 1 Corinthians 1:26-29)
6. In what ways has your call shaped your life? (see Ephesians 4:1)
7. Despite his seeming self-serving actions, what positive trait does Jacob demonstrate here (Genesis 25:31-34)? (see 2 Corinthians 4:18)

God and Father, give me patience and vision to wait on your blessing for my life.