

LESSONS THIS QUARTER.....

- 1) Dec 02 Gen 1:1 – 2:25 Affirm God’s Good Plan
- 2) Dec 09 Gen 3:1 – 4:26 Admit Your Sin Problem
- 3) Dec 16 Gen 5:1 – 8:14 Aspire to Walk with God
- 4) Dec 23 John 1:1-18 Accept God’s Promised Savior
- 5) Dec 30 Gen 8:15 – 9:29 New Opportunities
- 6) Jan 06 Gen 10:1 – 11:32 Human Pride
- 7) Jan 13 Gen 12:1 – 14:24 God Allows Us to Choose
- 8) Jan 20 Gen 1:27; 9:6; Matt; Mark Value of Life
- 9) Jan 27 Gen 15:1 – 17:27 Lord’s Promises
- 10) Feb 03 Gen 18:1 – 19:38 Caring for Others
- 11) Feb 10 Gen 20:1 – 23:20 Faith & Obedience
- 12) Feb 17 Gen 24:1-67 Godly Guidance
- 13) Feb 24 Gen 25:1 – 27:46 **Helpful or Exploiter**

INTRODUCTION / QUESTIONS / COMMENTS/

- What makes a spouse continually lie to their significant other?

Passage	Comments
25:34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Esau’s contempt for his birthright was indicative of his contempt for his father and for his God
25:1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abraham takes another wife – Ketura – who bore him 6 more sons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Midianites (son #4) appears throughout OT .. 62x <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Midianites pulled Joseph out of a well and sold him to the Egyptians ▪ Moses’ father-n-law, Jethro, was a Midianite ▪ The Midianites and Moabites conspired against Israel with Balaam ▪ A Midianite woman was a cause of “sin in the camp” within Israel ▪ Gideon destroyed the Midianite oppression over Israel ▪ In the last days Midianites shall be part of the gentile nations that bring homage to God – Camels laden with gold Isaiah 60
25: 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abraham also had other concubines – secondary wives
NOTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Israelites no longer took multiple wives after the Babylon captivity
25:7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abraham lived 175 years
25:16,17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ishmael had 12 sons/princes • Ishmael lived 137 yrs
25:20-27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isaac was 40 yrs old when he married Rebekah • He prays for Rebekah to have a child • He was 60 when Jacob & Esau were born
25:28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parental favoritism possibly caused needless rivalry
25:23,31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God tells Rebekah the older will serve the younger • Jacob tries to do God’s job (conniving to get Esau’s birthright)
26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trip to Philistine land • Isaac repeats his Dad’s trait – He lies to protect his life • Lying and cheating can run deep, and get worse each succeeding generation
26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rest of the chapter deals with contentions in the land over well rights
26:34,35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The story picks back up with Jacob & Esau • Esau (40 yrs old) marries foreign women – Hittites (Isaac is 100 yrs old, and lives to be 180)

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27:1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isaac is getting old (160 yrs old)
27:6-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebekah overhears Isaac telling Esau he’s ready to pass his blessings onto him <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Problems with living in tents – you hear everything • Mom & Son conspire to deceive dear old Dad and cheat the oldest Son out of what is rightfully his
NOTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If this were to happen today, Rebekah and Jacob would go to jail for abusing the elderly
27:28-29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isaac’s blessing to Jacob <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenty of rain and fertile land • Plenty of corn and wine • Plenty of servants • Plenty of respect from neighboring nations • Plenty of respect and homage from own nation • Plenty of cursings for enemies • Plenty of blessings for friends
27:39-40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isaac’s blessings to Esau <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You shall live away from fertile land and pleasant rains • You shall live by the sword • You will serve your younger brother • You will be contentious with your brother
27:41-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fun begins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Esau now contemplates murder • Jacob flees from home • Rebekah continues to deceive her husband by making an excuse for Jacob to leave home

- Why would Rebekah have to stoop to deceive her husband if he’s truly a man of God?
- Is there justification to lie?

- How should Rebekah behave?
- What should Jacob have done?
- How should Esau respond to being cheated by Mom & brother?
- What should Isaac have done when the deception became known?
- There are many incidences in scripture where godly people do nothing when their family members sin – and they eventually suffer for it
 - ♦ Eli’s son’s
 - ♦ Samuel’s sons
 - ♦ David’s son Adonijah
 - ♦ Warnings to the churches in Revelation 2 & 3 not to allow sin to reign (idolatry and adultery) else their candlesticks would be removed

CONCLUSION

- Why circumvent God’s job? Let God be God
- His timing and His ways are not ours, but trust we must

NEXT WEEK.... The fun continues with Jacob seeking a wife