

Genesis 25:19-34
“The Deceiver and the Despiser”

I. Sibling Rivalry on Steroids

- A. Struggle at birth (24-26)

- B. Struggle for inheritance (27-34)

II. God's Sovereignty is the Real Muscle

- A. God's provision overcomes what we can't do (20-21)

- B. God's plan overcomes how we can't change (22-23)

Take it Home

- “You failed” / “You are a failure.” What are the differences between these statements? How does God's sovereignty relate to them?
- How are Esau and Jacob like the two brothers from the Prodigal Son parable? How do they demonstrate the two mistakes we can make about our inheritance from God?
- What do we do when God seems to put people we don't like into leadership roles?

Questions for Young Minds

1. A birthright meant that a son would receive how much of the father's inheritance?
_____ It also meant that he would be the _____ of the family.
2. God chooses to bless imperfect people so we will learn to depend on His _____
and not on how _____ we are.