CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Genesis 27:1-40

11.5.25

Introduction

Big Idea: Every time we play God, we make a mess—but His mercy keeps it from being checkmate.

- Scene 1 Manipulating God's plan blindly (1-4)
- Scene 2 Expediting God's plan deceitfully (5-29)
- Scene 3 Experiencing God's plan painfully (30-40)



Book

- 1. What were Isaac and Esau attempting to do in verses 1-4? Although culturally accepted, how were they rebelling against God? What motivated Isaac? What motivated Esau?
- 2. What were Rebekah and Jacob attempting to do in verses 5-29? What makes their scheming so foolish in light of God's redemptive story? What motivated Rebekah? What motivated Jacob?
- 3. What was Isaac's response to Jacob's deception? What was Esau's response? How was Esau's blessing more of a curse (see 39-40)?
- 4. What does this passage reveal about all four characters in our story and the heart of man? Although God does not speak, what does this passage reveal about God's faithfulness to the covenant?





Look

- 1. Everyone in our story was trying to manipulate God, either by rewriting his plan (Issac and Esau), or by expediating His plan (Rebekah and Jacob). In what ways have you willfully gone against God's revealed Word? In what ways have you tried to secure promised blessings on your timeline? What were the results of each?
- 2. How did Jesus submit perfectly to (1) God's Word and (2) God's timeline? How was Jesus' life, in many ways, the opposite of those in our story (think of what drove those in our story compared to what motived Jesus)? How was Jesus able, through His life, death, and resurrection, to secure our blessing?
- 3. Which of the following do you struggle with most and why—fleshly appetites, bitterness of heart, the need to control everything, or inordinate ambitions?
- 4. How should Jesus' work at Calvary give you hope in the midst of your struggles with sin? If God remained faithful to Isaac's family, in the midst of their sins, how can you be sure He will remain faithful to you?



Took

In the midst of your temptations and sins, explain (1) how the following can help you trust and obey, and (2) what steps you can take today to embrace these means of grace.

- Turn and submit to Christ
- Find your identity in Christ
- Put your hope in Christ