



families, deception, and drama

The Cost of Deceit
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Read Jeremiah 17:9

In what ways have you seen deceit creep into everyday life—not as outright lying, but as self-preservation or control?

Read Genesis 25:29–34

What are some modern “bowls of stew” that tempt people to sacrifice long-term blessings for short-term relief or pleasure?

Read Genesis 27:18–29

Have you ever tried to “help God out” by forcing His plan in your own way or timing? What was the outcome?

Read Genesis 27:41–45

How does deceit fracture trust in families, friendships, or churches? What steps can restore that trust once it’s broken?

Read Genesis 32:24–28

Why is it so difficult to admit who we really are, especially our weaknesses? What keeps us pretending?

Read Philippians 4:6–7

Where in your life do you struggle most with trying to control outcomes? How might surrender to God bring peace in these situations?

Read Philippians 2:5–8

How should Jesus’ humility challenge the way we pursue blessing, success, or affirmation in our own lives?

Read Proverbs 27:17

How can establishing clear family or personal values protect us from deceit and poor choices? Do you have a small group of people who know enough about your life to help provide protection when you are tempted to compromise? If not, what steps do you need to build this into your life?