



families, deception, and drama

Sins of the Father
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Share some traits (good or bad) that you see passed down in your family.

Read Genesis 12:10–20; Genesis 20; Genesis 26:6–9

Why do you think Abraham and Isaac both repeated the same deception about their wives being their sisters? What does this teach us about how sin and fear can run through family patterns?

Read Genesis 12:12–13; Genesis 26:7

Both Abraham and Isaac lied because they feared being killed. What are some modern situations where fear leads us to compromise truth? How does trusting God's protection change our response?

Read Genesis 4:8; Genesis 27:41; Genesis 37:4

Adam and Eve, Noah, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph's families all carried dysfunction. How does it encourage you (or challenge you) that the Bible shows us real families with real failures?

Read Ezekiel 18:20

The Bible says each person is accountable for their own sin, not their parents'. How does this truth free us from blaming our past while challenging us to take responsibility in the present?

Think about patterns of sin, brokenness, or conflict that you've seen in your family or community. What practical steps can Christians take to break destructive cycles and live differently?

Read Romans 15:13; Colossians 1:27

We place hope in daily things (like health, finances, or sports), but biblical hope is rooted in Christ. What's the difference between wishful thinking and biblical hope? How can we shift our hearts toward true hope?

Read Genesis 50:20; John 3:16

Joseph forgave his brothers and saw God's hand in their evil actions. How have you seen God redeem painful or messy situations in your family or relationships?

1 John 1:9; James 5:16

The sermon emphasized a heart of confession and repentance. Why is confession so essential for family healing and personal freedom? What makes it hard to practice regularly?