



THE PROMISE

Part 4 - Abraham and Isaac

Sunday, October 4
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²¹Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife because she was childless. The Lord heard his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²²But the children inside her struggled with each other, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. ²³And the Lord said to her:

Two nations are in your womb; two people will come from you and be separated. One people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger.

²⁴When her time came to give birth, there were indeed twins in her womb. ²⁵The first one came out red-looking, covered with hair like a fur coat, and they named him Esau. ²⁶After this, his brother came out grasping Esau's heel with his hand. So he was named Jacob. Isaac was 60 years old when they were born.
- Genesis 25:21-26

Main Characters:

- Isaac
- Rebekah
- Esau
- Jacob

Genesis 27:1-29

The Story

Our selfishness hurts everyone.

Isaac:

- Ignores God's will instead of _____ to it.
- Plans to give a blessing without the rest of the family knowing.
- Wants his favorite son to have the blessing.

Rebekah:

- Doesn't _____ God to accomplish what He said.
- Instead of confronting her husband she decides to deceive him.
- Wants her favorite son to have the blessing.

Esau:

- Doesn't _____ God's will.
- Goes against his word.
- Wants to steal the blessing back behind his brother's back.

Jacob:

- Doesn't _____ God to fulfill His promise.
- Deceives his father behind his brother's back.
- Wants to get the blessing his way no matter the cost.

Our selfishness has _____.

God _____ accomplish His will. Do you want Him to do it despite you, or with you?

Reginald the Fat

Our selfishness puts us _____. Trust in God is what breaks us out!

We live in a selfish and self-centered world (2 Timothy 3:1-5)

- Social media
- Selfies
- American dream
- Evolution
- No absolute truth
- Atheism

How can we _____ of our selfishness and live in God's will?

Keeping our eyes on Jesus, the source and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that lay before Him endured a cross and despised the shame and has sat down at the right hand of God's throne.

- Hebrews 12:2

²⁴Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wants to come with Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of Me will find it.

- Matthew 16:24-25

⁶He will repay each one according to his works: ⁷eternal life to those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor, and immortality; ⁸but wrath and indignation to those who are self-seeking and disobey the truth but are obeying unrighteousness;

- Romans 2:6-8

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