

# My life is good, but it should be so much better than this. Genesis 27

## Live by the . . . . . not by the senses, as Isaac did.

Isaac thought blessings were . . . . . | . . . . . | . . . . .

By contrast, Ephesians 1:17-19, the believers' prayer for blessing, is to:

Know . . . . . Know . . . . . Know God's . . . . . Know . . . . .

Remember God's . . . . . Genesis 25:22-23

Remember God's . . . . . 2Pet.3:9, 1Thess.4:3-8, 1Thess.5:16-18

Blessed because... Genesis 26:2-5

## Live by my . . . . . not by personal promotion, as Rebekah did

I have a . . . . . I need to sit on it. Ephesians 2:6

I have a . . . . . I need to walk on it. John 8:12, Colossians 2:6-7

## Live as a . . . . . not as a victim, as Jacob did.

Jacob has . . . . . Jacob is . . . . . Jacob avoids the . . . . .

Be true to . . . . . rather than pretend. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Be true to . . . . . rather than pretend. John 4:34

## Live by . . . . . not by grasping, as Esau did.

It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35

Remorse is no substitute for . . . . . Matthew 27:3

Revenge is not substitute for . . . . . Rom.12:17-19, Heb.12:14-17

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My prayer priorities for the week starting 19 May 2019

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## This week's song selection

Let the Spirit in | Live for the Kingdom | Live with abandon | Make me a channel of blessing | Stand and bless the Lord | Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet | Purify my heart... Refiner's fire | As for me and my house.

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## Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. Rank Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob and Esau from best to worse. What is the best, and the worst, feature of each of them?
2. In Genesis 27 we meet Isaac who has become a spiritual, physical, and relationship wreck. How can a believer who started out so well end up in such a poor condition?
3. Read Psalm 119:105-106. Why do those 2 verses need each other?
4. Rebekah was very pushy. Why did she push Jacob, but not Esau? How can pushing your adult children be good, or bad?
5. There are 7 secret meetings in this chapter: Isaac-Esau, v1-4. Rebekah-Jacob, v5-13. Jacob-Isaac, 14-29. Esau-Isaac, 30-41. Rebekah-Jacob, 42-45. Rebekah-Isaac, 46. Isaac-Jacob, 25:1-5. What is one thing wrong with each meeting?

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