

**JACOB'S JOURNEY** 

# WHO IS JACOB?

### WHAT SHAPES OUR JOURNEY?

Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was barren. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant.

22 The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

23 The LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger."

24 When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb.

25 The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau.

26 After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.

Genesis 25:21-26

God's Plan

The Family We are Part of

The **Choices** Other People Make

The Choices We Make

#### PRINCIPLE for TRANSFORMATION

What we focus on grows

NOTES - The icons below may be helpful as you take notes on the outline.

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### WHERE WE FIND OUR MASKS

The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was a quiet man, staying among the tents. <sup>28</sup> Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Genesis 25:27-28

Hypocrite *hypokritēs* —was used to denote an actor, one who performed behind a mask. Thus the basic connotation of "hypocrisy" involved pretense or insincerity. Putting forward an outward appearance that does not comport with one's true self.

(Tyndale Bible Dictionary)

### PRINCIPLE for TRANSFORMATION

Transformation is messy

## THE GAMES WE PLAY

Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. <sup>30</sup> He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom.) <sup>31</sup> Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright." <sup>32</sup> "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?" <sup>33</sup> But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. <sup>34</sup> Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

Genesis 25:29-34

#### PRINCIPLE for TRANSFORMATION

We choose which influence will have power in our lives

#### The Hula Hoop

## **NEXT STEPS**

- o Learn Jacob's Story Read Genesis 12 50
- o Learn Your Story Recommended Readings

Till We Have Faces by CS Lewis

To Be Told: Know Your Story, Shape Your Future by Dan B. Allendar Boundaries by Henry Cloud

Good & Beautiful God by James Bryan Smith

- o Share Your Story Groups
- o Enter Jesus' Story