

## “Family Sin, False Repentance, and Faithful God”

Genesis 27:1–28:9

September 24, 2023

### Three Questions

“Rebekah loved Jacob.” (Genesis 25:28)

“Esau despised his birthright.” (Genesis 25:34)

“Made life bitter for Isaac and Rebekah.” (Genesis 26:35)

“The older shall serve the younger.” (Genesis 25:23)

“Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game.” (Genesis 25:24)

### Family Sin

#### False Repentance

“See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no ‘root of bitterness’ springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.” (Hebrews 12:15–17)

“For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.” (2 Corinthians 7:10)

#### Faithful God

“For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, ‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’” (1 Corinthians 1:26–31)

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## Discuss

- What dysfunction have you experienced in your own family, and how does the gospel provide a solution?
- What do you think are some tests of true vs. false repentance for you to apply to yourself?
- Is there ever a place for questioning whether or not the repentance of another person is true or false? Why, or why not?
- Can you think of any possible misunderstandings or false applications of the biblical teaching that God sovereignly accomplishes his plan through even sin and its consequences? If so, how would you correct them?
- How does submitting to the sovereign plan of God provide you with hope despite the sober realities of family sin and false repentance?

## Read

Genesis 25:19–34; Hebrews 12:1–17

## Pray

- That God will work in your family and the families connected to our congregation to redeem them from sin.
- That God will give you godly grief over your sin.
- That God will help you to submit to the sovereign plan of God and boast only about him.

## Bulletin

- Women's Bible Study (Twelve Weeks): Wednesdays at 10:00am
- Members' Meeting: September 24 at 5:00pm
- Women's Day Retreat: September 30
- Trunk or Treat: October 29 from 3:00–5:00pm