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1. Introduction to Jacob

- a. Jacob was the younger twin brother of Esau. The Bible often contrasts these two. (Gen 25:23)
 - i. Gen 25:25-27 And the first came out red, all over like an **hairy** garment; and they called his name Esau. (26) And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them. (27) And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a **plain** man, dwelling in tents.
 - ii. Jacob's marital choices pleased his family (Gen 28:6-9); Esau's did not (Gen 26:34-35)
 - iii. Romans 9:13 As it is written, Jacob have I **loved**, but Esau have I **hated**.
 - iv. Hebrews 12:16 Lest there be any fornicator, or **profane** person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.
 - v. Genesis 25:28 And Isaac loved **Esau**, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved **Jacob**.
- b. In his early life Jacob was known to be a manipulator and deceiver, as he grew in the Lord he became a faithful and obedient patriarch.

2. Jacob acquires Esau's birthright (Gen 25:27-34)

3. Jacob receives his Father's blessing over Esau (Gen 27:6-29)

4. Jacob dreams and God reaffirms his covenant with Abraham to Jacob (Gen 28:10-22)

(13) And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the **land** whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy **seed**; (14) And thy seed shall be as the **dust** of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. (15) And, behold, I am **with** thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

5. Jacob's family causes him much frustration, fear, and sorrow.

- a. He was deceived on his wedding night by his father-in-law, Laban. (Genesis 29:21-25)
- b. He fears reconciling with his brother Esau (Gen 32:7-8)
- c. Just prior to meeting Esau, Jacob wrestles with God (Gen 32:24-32)
- d. His sons cause him much trouble (34:1-31, 35:22, 38:1-30)
- e. He had 4 wives, 13 children. One daughter named Dinah and 12 sons:

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	2. Simon	6. Naphtali	8. Asher	12. Benjamin
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	9. Issachar			
	10. Zebulun			

6. Jacob summarizes his life to Pharaoh

Gen 47:9 And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years: **few** and **evil** have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.

7. Jacob prophesies of his sons' future (Genesis 49)

8. Memory Verses: Last Week **Hebrews 11:20**; This Week **Hebrews 11:21**

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