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I. THE BLESSING: SCANDAL

- ▶ From Genesis 27, track through the reasons that both Esau and Jacob prove themselves as unworthy of being blessed?
- ▶ Name some other people in the Bible that God chooses to bless but are so undeserving of it. Why does God give his blessing to such undeserving people?

II. THE BLESSING: SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

- ▶ In the midst of everyone doing everything wrong in this passage, how do you see God's sovereign control over Jacob's life?
- ▶ In the life and death of Jesus, how do you see the mystery of how God uses the sin and evil of men to accomplish His purposes?
- ▶ How does knowing God is sovereign over even the bad things that happen in your life affect how you live?

III. THE BLESSING: SECURE

- ▶ Read Galatians 3:13-14 and discuss what happened to the curse that we deserve and how we get the blessing that we don't deserve.
- ▶ Go around and articulate in your own words the blessing that God gives to you in Christ. What about that blessing is most precious to you?

"God bestows His blessings without discrimination. The followers of Jesus are children of God, and they should manifest the family likeness by doing good to all, even to those who deserve the opposite."

— F.F. Bruce

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."
— Numbers 6:24-26

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