



“Sovereign Grace Through Trials and Triumph”

1/12/25 Text: Genesis 25:19-26

1. Trusting God in Trials (vv. 19-21).

[19] *These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham’s son: Abraham fathered Isaac, [20] and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife. [21] And Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren. And the LORD granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived.*

2. Seeking God in Struggles (vv. 22-23).

[22] *The children struggled together within her, and she said, “If it is thus, why is this happening to me?” So she went to inquire of the LORD. [23] And the LORD said to her,*

*“Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples from within you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the older shall serve the younger.”*

3. Resting in God’s Sovereign Grace (vv. 24-26).

[24] *When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb. [25] The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau. [26] Afterward his brother came out with his hand holding Esau’s heel, so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.*

Romans 9:10–13

[10] *And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, [11] though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls—[12] she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” [13] As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”*

Application:

- Trust God’s timing in seasons of waiting.
- Bring your questions and struggles to God in faith.
- Embrace God’s sovereign grace in your life and salvation.

1 Corinthians 1:27–29

[27] *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; [28] God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, [29] so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.*

Application Questions: Application/Discussion Questions: How does Isaac’s persistent prayer challenge your approach to waiting on God? In what area of your life do you need to commit to faithful prayer with greater patience? Like Rebekah, do you bring your struggles and questions to God, or do you attempt to handle them on your own? How can you grow in seeking God’s guidance when facing confusion or conflict? Jacob’s election shows God’s grace, not human merit. How does this truth deepen your gratitude for salvation? Are there areas where you struggle to rest in God’s sovereign plan? How does the story of Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, and Esau encourage you to trust God’s promises even when circumstances seem unclear or challenging? In what ways does God’s sovereign choice of Jacob over Esau point to the gospel? How does this passage help you see Christ’s work amid human weakness?

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