

TURN TO SOMEONE: MY FAMILY IS WEIRD... ADMIT THAT OUR FAMILIES ARE WEIRD

Review

Family dysfunction is ordinary! God wants your family to be extraordinary.
Faithfully following God is the first requirement for an exceptional family.

Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Genesis 15:6

Isaac and Jacob (Promiseboys)

Hebrews 11:20-21 (p. 834)

THEIR DAD GOT 8 VERSES, AND THEY GOT ONE EACH!

In terms of spiritual accomplishments,

Isaac and Jacob did very little.

Isaac's Life Story

- Genesis 24 & 25:20 • HE GOT A WIFE WITHOUT TRYING

and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah...

Genesis 25:20

- Genesis 25:28 • HE SHOWED FAVORITISM TO HIS FIRSTBORN

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. Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Genesis 25:27-28

- Genesis 26:1-14 • ISAAC LIED ABOUT HIS WIFE TO THE KING.
- Genesis 26:15-33 • HE ACTED PEACEFULLY TOWARD HIS NEIGHBORS
- Genesis 27 • HE IGNORANTLY GAVE HIS BLESSING TO JACOB INSTEAD OF ESAU.

Jacob's Life Story

- Genesis 25:24-26 • HE WAS BORN PULLING HIS BROTHER'S LEG
- Genesis 25:29ff • HE SCHEMED TO GET THE BIRTHRIGHT -- AND IT WORKED
- Genesis 27 • HE SCHEMED TO GET THE BLESSING (27) -- AND IT WORKED
- Genesis 29 • HE RAN AWAY AND GOT SCHEMED BY HIS UNCLE

When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?"

Genesis 29:25

- Genesis 29:30 & 37:3 • HE SHOWED GREAT FAVORITISM TO RACHEL AND JOSEPH
- Genesis 30:29-43 & 31:9 • HE S. TO GET THE BEST OF LABAN'S FLOCKS AND IT WORKED

- Genesis 32 • HE SCHEMED TO GET ESAU'S APPROVAL -- BUT GOD ANSWERED HIS PRAYER!
ISAAC: FEARFUL & PASSIVE, JACOB: SLEAZY, BOTH: SUCCESS & RECOGNITION! WHAT'S THE DEAL?

God's Words to Isaac

Genesis 26:2-5

Genesis 26:24-25

God's Words to Jacob

Genesis 28:10-17

Their success was a result of the fact that God renewed
and they received the promise given to Abraham.

GOD'S PROMISE, GIVEN TO ABRAHAM APPLIED TO THEM TOO!

Take it home

God's promises overshadow
human performance.

How to be dysfunctional:

Favor others based on their performance.

Work your schemes to improve your performance.

How to be extraordinary:

Be a person of the promise.

ILL: WE DO THIS BACKWARDS // VARSITY TO JV // WE HAVE LEARNED THAT LIFE IS ABOUT PERFORMANCE, AND IT HAS MADE US DYSFUNCTIONAL.

THERE IS A DAD WHO FEELS JUDGED ON HIS PERFORMANCE...

THERE IS A MOM • THERE IS A STUDENT • BOY -> WOMEN • CHILD -> UNLOVED
BUT THERE IS A MAN WHO CHEATED, SCHEMED, LOVED ONE, SLEPT WITH FOUR.
AND TO THAT MAN, GOD SAID: (VERSES ON THE SCREEN)

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE BETTER OR WORK HARDER, YOU NEED TO ENTER THE PROMISE MORE DEEPLY.