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The Painful Imperfection of a Perfect Game: Eight and Two Thirds Perfect.



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GOD > imperfection

Genesis 25:19-34

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Would you build a nation around this man? Jacob.

- He grew up in a dysfunctional home where he did not experience the love of his father.
- He was guilty of extortion to get his own way.
- He lived much of his life estranged from his family.
- He deceived and lied to his father to gain his blessing, with his mother's help.
- He married into a family with a deceptive and abusive father in law.
- He was tricked into marrying the wrong woman and did not discover it until after the marriage was consummated.

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God is greater than the imperfections of my life that I cannot completely control.

My physical and emotional limitations.

Genesis 25:19-21, 26

Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD answered him

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My family struggles.

Genesis 25:22, 23

*But the children **struggled** together within her; and she said, “If it is so, **why** then am I this way?”*

Struggle = crush, oppression, break in pieces.

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Genesis 25:22-23

But the children struggled together within her; and she said, “If it is so, why then am I this way?” So she went to inquire of the LORD. The LORD said to her, “Two nations are in your womb; And two peoples will be separated from your body; **And one people shall be stronger than the other; And the older shall serve the younger.”**

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Genesis 25:24-26

When her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

Now the first came forth red, all over like a hairy garment; and they named him Esau.

Afterward his brother came forth with his hand holding on to Esau's heel, so his name was called **Jacob**; and Isaac was sixty years old when she gave birth to them.

Jacob = take up by the heel, trip up, supplanter

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Genesis 25:27, 28

When the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the field, but Jacob was a peaceful man, living in tents. Now Isaac loved Esau, because he had a taste for game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

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God is greater than what I cannot control:

- Power struggles- one shall be stronger
- Cultural violations- older serves younger
- Parental pain - Isaac loved Esau, not Jacob
- Broken relationships- “Struggle” Jacob= supplanter.

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God is greater than the imperfections of my life from my sinful disobedience.

When I selfishly gain from manipulation and extortion of another.

Genesis 25:29-31

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Genesis 25:29-31

When Jacob had cooked stew, Esau came in from the field and he was famished; and Esau said to Jacob, “Please let me have a swallow of that red stuff there, for I am famished.” Therefore his name was called Edom. But Jacob said, “First sell me your birthright.”

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When I sinfully pursue my own needs with no regard for others and consequences. Genesis 25:32-34

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Genesis 25:32-34

Esau said, “Behold, I am about to die; so of what use then is the birthright to me?” And Jacob said, “First swear to me”; so he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew; and he ate and drank, and rose and went on his way. **Thus Esau despised his birthright.**

Despise = regard with contempt, scorn, undervalue

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How God is greater than our imperfections

Pray for God to reveal His greatness for your life.

Genesis 25:21, 22

Psalms 116:1-9 I love the LORD, because He hears My voice and my supplications. Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live.

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How God is greater than our imperfections

Know and claim God's promises.

Deuteronomy 7:6-11

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Deuteronomy 7:7-9

“The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but because the LORD loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, ...” Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

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Romans 9:10-12

And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac; for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, **not because of works but because of Him who calls**, it was said to her, "THE OLDER WILL SERVE THE YOUNGER."

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How God is greater than our imperfections

Trust in God to sovereignly over rule my culture, customs and position in life to accomplish His will.

God will overcome all our imperfections from sinful actions as we reach out in repentance for His Grace.

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Pure Grace

