

GOD is greater than > control

Genesis 26:34-27:29

I. God's Promise will be fulfilled regardless of human attempts to control

A. This story is full of the sin of control and manipulation, but Jacob still ends up with the blessing.

Isaac sinned
Genesis 25:23; Genesis 25:28

Esau sinned
Hebrews 12:16-17

Rebekah and Jacob sinned

B. God has chosen him for two reasons:

To show an example of undeserved mercy and blessing
Ephesians 2:4-5; Titus 3:5-6

To remind us God is the only one in control
Romans 9:10-16; Psalm 115:3; Psalm 75:6-7; Romans 12:2

II. Sinful manipulation will still have severe consequences

Rebekah's Consequences -

Jacob's Consequences -

Esau's Consequences -

Isaac's Consequences -

Romans 6:1-2

III. How do I trust in God and not my own control?

- A. Have confidence that God is good and that His plans are good.
In what areas of your life do you doubt the goodness of God?

In the midst of these doubts, meditate on Scripture and know that God is good and God is in control.

Exodus 33:18-19; Psalm 31:19; Psalm 107:1; Psalm 14:: 9, 17, 20; James 1:17

- B. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you.

RESPONSE TO THE MESSAGE

Commit to God to place Him on His rightful throne.

Acknowledge that you are a sinner and deserve nothing.

Know that God still has a blessing for you.

Open the envelope and read slowly of the blessings and promises that God gives you. Take in the depth and meaning of each phrase. Pray over any doubts you have that these blessings are for you.

RESPONSE AT THE STATIONS

COMMUNION - This Sunday communion is available around the room at several stations. Take the elements of the bread and the cup in remembrance of what Christ has done for you.

GIVING - We encourage you and your family to bring your offering, as your prayerful gift of worship to God, to the containers located at the stations. Offering envelopes are available in the chair racks for your use.

PRAYER - After the message this morning, there will be prayer counselors in the Prayer Booth, located on the far right side of the auditorium, to pray with you.

