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Genesis 26:34-27:29
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**I. God's Promise will be fulfilled
regardless of human attempts to control**

Isaac sinned –

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Genesis 25:28

Now Isaac loved Esau, because he had a taste for game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

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Isaac sinned –

Esau sinned –

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Hebrews 12:16-17

that there be no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal. For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

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Rebekah and Jacob sinned –

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1. To show an example of undeserved mercy and blessing

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Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

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Titus 3:5-6

He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

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**I. God's Promise will be fulfilled
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B. God has chosen him for two reasons:

1. To show an example of undeserved mercy and blessing
2. To remind us God is the only one in control

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Romans 9:10-16

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

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Romans 9:10-16

Him who calls, it was said to her, "THE OLDER WILL SERVE THE YOUNGER. Just as it is written, "JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED. What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be! For He says to Moses,

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Romans 9:10-16

"I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION. So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.

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Psalm 115:3

But our God is in the heavens;
He does whatever He pleases.

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Psalm 75:6-7

For not from the east, nor from the west,
Nor from the desert comes exaltation;
But God is the Judge;
He puts down one and exalts another.

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Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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II. Sinful manipulation will still have severe consequences

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Rebekah's Consequences – she never saw Jacob again

Jacob's Consequences – lifelong fear and conflict with Esau, life on the run, deceived by Laban

Esau – lost his birthright, lived under a curse of the sword

Isaac – brings fear, hatred, and conflict into his family

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Romans 6:1-2

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? *May it never be!* How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

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- II. Sinful manipulation will still have severe consequences

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

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Exodus 33:18-19

Then Moses said, "I pray You, show me Your glory!" And He said, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion."

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Psalm 31:19

How great is Your goodness,
Which You have stored up for those who
fear You,
Which You have wrought for those who take
refuge in You,
Before the sons of men!

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Psalm 107:1

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

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Psalm 145:9, 17, 20

The LORD is good to all,
And His mercies are over all His works.
The LORD is righteous in all His ways
And kind in all His deeds.
The LORD keeps all who love Him,
But all the wicked He will destroy.

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James 1:17

Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

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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

B. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you.

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