



Sermon Questions

June 7, 2026 | Scripture: Genesis 25:19-28 – The Birth of Jacob

Sermon in a sentence: God freely gives his blessing, his presence, and his love to the undeserving, not to those who strive.

How might you summarize the sermon?

Core Questions

1. How does prayer function in this section?
2. How do Jacob and Esau's names add to the richness of the narrative?
3. What is the significance of knowing that God's people are named after Jacob?
4. How does the description of the birth of Jacob foreshadow his life's pursuit?
5. Discuss the idea of "the search under the search". How is this idea important for interpreting Jacob's life?

Inward Grace in Action

1. In what ways are you tempted to *strive* for God's blessing?
2. How does Jesus bring rest to strivers?
3. Does your heart feel "morally superior" to Jacob?

Outward Grace in Action

1. How does our striving express itself in relation to other people? At work? At home? At the store, etc.?

For Families: Ideas of how to keep the conversation going at home, in the car, or around the dinner table:

1. **A - Ask about the message:** Do you know that you are loved by God? Why does God love you?
2. **S - Share your thoughts:** Share the basic gospel truth that God loves us first and so he sent his son to die for our sin. He did not first send his son to die for us and then love us.
3. **K - Keep it going:** Ask your child how the love of God might help them with a difficult relationship they have

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these passages that trace the theme of joyful giving throughout the scriptures:

- Genesis 17:15-21
- 1 Samuel 16:1-13
- Psalm 105:6-11
- John 4:5-12
- Romans 9:10-13
- Hebrews 11:20

Mission: Who is the one person you are praying for? Try connecting with them in some small way this week.

Look Ahead: Next week we will continue our series in the gospel in the life of Jacob with Pastor Ryan preaching on Jacob's Theft From Genesis 27:41-28:21.