



Sermon Questions

June 14, 2026 | Scripture: Genesis 25:29-34, 27:1-29 – *Jacob's Theft*

Sermon in a sentence: Our inheritance is a joy-filled life with God that is totally secured in Christ alone.

How might you summarize the sermon?

Core Questions

1. Have you thought about inheritance as what you get when you die? What impact does this understanding of inheritance have on you?
2. Are you more naturally sympathetic towards Esau or Jacob in this story? How does Hebrews 12:16-17 and Genesis 25:34 inform how we understand this story?
3. The description of Esau as despising his birthright and Jacob as deceiving for the birthright both demonstrate a lack of trust in God. How are these different perspectives helpful in understanding how fallen humanity fails to trust God?
4. What other parts of scripture does this story remind you of?
5. How do Jacob and Esau's parents figure into this story?

Inward Grace in Action

1. Do you find yourself more prone to making the mistake of Esau (despising the eternal inheritance—or squandering it) or Jacob (cutting corners and trying to grasp something rather than trusting God to receive what has been promised)?
2. Why do you think the author of Hebrews places Esau next to sexual immorality when describing how he sinned in this story? How does Esau provide a warning for us when it comes to our sexual desires?
3. In what ways does Jesus embody the “photo negative” of Jacob in this story? (hint: think about what Jesus “put on” in the incarnation, and the relationship of inheritance that is similar but very different to Jacob)

Outward Grace in Action

1. How might our witness to the world be transformed if we look more like David (patiently waiting for what was promised) than either Jacob or Esau?

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:** What do you think happens when we die?
2. **S - Share your thoughts:** Share the basic gospel truth that we are united to Christ by faith, so what has first happened to Jesus, will also surely happen to us as we are brought into an everlasting life of joy with God.
3. **K - Keep it going:** Help your child remember the inheritance that is theirs in Christ when they are frustrated by not getting their way.

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:

- Deuteronomy 21:15-17
- Isaiah 44:1-5
- Psalm 135:4
- Romans 8:15
- Romans 9:10-13
- Hebrews 12:16-17

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 Dream from Genesis 27:41-28:5, 28:10-22.