

**“Not Ashamed to be Called their God”**  
**Bible Stories, Pt. 8: Genesis 26:34-28:5**

**I. The Right Perspective on Jacob – Gen. 25:19-34**

*Genesis 25:27–28* - <sup>27</sup> When the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the field, but Jacob was a peaceful [Heb. “tam”] man, living in tents. <sup>28</sup> Now Isaac loved Esau, because he had a taste for game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

- A. Not Esau the respectable man of action and Jacob the mild-mannered mama’s boy.
- B. But instead Esau the irresponsible rebel and Jacob the responsible, complete man.

**II. The Stealing of the Abrahamic Blessing**

- A. Isaac, out of food-driven preference for Esau, was trying to secretly thwart God’s choice of Jacob (Gen. 25:23).
  - 1. It’s not that Isaac had no faith or regard for the Lord.
  - 2. But he had major hang-ups with how the Lord was implanting His plans.
- B. Rebekah and Jacob do appear to be more passionate about God’s specific decrees than Isaac.
  - 1. This fits well with the earlier Genesis descriptions of both of them.
  - 2. But blatantly deceiving Isaac was inappropriate and would not have been necessary.
  - 3. Their trickery costs them both in major ways

**III. The God of the Imperfect and Dysfunctional**

*Hebrews 11:16* - ...God is not ashamed to be called their [Abraham’s, Isaac’s, and Jacob’s] God...