

Genesis 27-29 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. From Gen 27:41-46 what was the result of Jacob's deception (v41) and what was Rebekah's reaction (v42-45)? What was her ultimate desire for Jacob and why (v46)?	
5. In 28:1-9 how did Isaac direct Jacob (v1, 2) and what did he pray for him (v3, 4)? After Jacob left what did Esau do (v9) and why (v5-8)? Using his entire story what was Esau like?	
6. Read 28:10-17. Describe Jacob's dream after he left (v10-13) and what the Lord told him (v13-14, 15). What did Jacob say about his experience (v16-17)?	
7. Looking at 28:18-22 how did Jacob memorialize his encounter (v18-19)? What did he ask of God (v20, 21) and what did he promise in return (v21, 22)?	
8. Using 29:1-12 who did Jacob encounter at Haran (v1-4) and what did he discover (v5-6)? How did he impress her (v7-8, 9-10) and how did he feel about her (v11-12)?	
9. From 29:13-20 how did Laban respond to Jacob and why (v13-14)? Describe Laban's two daughters (v16-17). What "deal" did Jacob and Laban make (v15-19) and why (v18, 20)?	
10. In 29:21-30 how did Laban deceive Jacob (v21), how did he do it (v22-24) and how did Jacob react (v25)? What was Laban's answer (v26-27) and Jacob's response (v28-30)?	
11. According to 29:31-35 how did God bless Leah (v31-32, 33, 34, 35) and why (v31)? What does this reveal about God?	
12. Looking back at Jacob's story how did he deceive, and how was he deceived? How did God use this anyway to fulfill His purposes?	

Scripture to Remember

*"And behold I am with you,
and will keep you wherever you go,
and will bring you back to this land;
for I will not leave you until I have
done what I have promised you."*

Genesis 28:15 (NASV)

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One Month to Live Group Questions—Learn Humbly

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share about some of your most interesting learning experiences. Why did you learn them and how did you feel once you did? Then, watch the DVD.
2. Tell the group what are you passionate about, where you are gifted, and some of the unique struggles you have experienced. Think of some ways your "GPS" can be used.
3. When change occurs do you typically resort to control, comparison, or comfort-seeking? How can we allow God to counteract these to bring about internal change?
4. Why is a life of faithfulness and obedience so important when you experience a loss in life? Talk about the importance of "community" and prayer in this, too.
5. Define "integrity". If "transparency is the key to transformation" why is it hard to admit the truth about ourselves? How does this relate to integrity?
6. Discuss the importance of the four paths to a "miracle" in your life—admitting you can't but God can, using what you do have, focusing on the positive, and be a blessing to others. Talk about a real-life miracle you need and how these can be applied.
7. Share about an area where you have experienced God's call, hit the wall, and had a fall. Did you fall on your face or hit your knees? Where do you need to do that today?



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Turning the Tables

Introduction to Genesis 27-29



God provided a foundation of faith for Israel through their first three leaders.

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

In board games turning the tables means having someone play against you in the same way you have been playing. We also see this in everyday life just as the story of Jacob shows us. Jacob was a deceiver who “grabbed” for everything he could get; he suddenly had the tables turned on him in a very painful area. The story began with a stolen blessing. Jacob had already tricked his brother Esau into giving him his rights of the firstborn and he would now go beyond that. His father Isaac, thinking he was about to die, decided to give his blessing to Esau, his favored son, maybe not knowing that Jacob now owned it. Rebekah, who favored Jacob, heard Isaac tell Esau to bring back game and cook it for him to receive his blessing, so she got Jacob to pose as Esau. He took in a

stew of wild game, and even though Isaac thought it was Jacob he wasn’t sure since he was almost blind. Trusting his senses he went ahead and blessed Jacob, and when Esau arrived, both he and Esau realized how Jacob had deceived them. Sadly, there was no other blessing for Esau, so he bore a grudge against Jacob, waiting to kill him. He also decided to marry a Hittite woman to make life miserable for his parents. Aware of Esau’s desire for revenge Rebekah directed Isaac to tell Jacob to make a strategic exit to his relatives in Paddan-Aram. There he could find a wife in the family of Laban. When he arrived in Haran he encountered Laban’s shepherds, and also Rachel, his daughter. He was smitten with her beauty and fell in

love with her. He agreed to work seven years for her hand, but when the time came Laban made a sneaky substitution. Instead of giving Rachel to Jacob, he gave him his older, unattractive daughter, Leah. When confronted Laban promised to let Jacob marry Rachel if he would work for him seven more years. He agreed since he loved her so much. Unfortunately she remained barren, but God blessed Leah with four sons because she was unloved. As this story shows those who deceive others will have the tables turned on them.

Daily Study Questions for Genesis 27-29

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to www.celebrationnet.com, small groups, abf)

<p>1. Scan Genesis 27:1-17. What did Isaac request (v1-4) and why (v4)? What did Rebekah do about this (v5-10) and how did Jacob react (v11-12)? How did his mother respond (v13, 14-17)?</p>	
<p>2. From 27:18-29 list the lies that Jacob told (v18-19, 20, 23-24). Why was Isaac deceived (v21-22, 26-27) and what can we learn from this? Describe Isaac’s blessing of his son (v27-29).</p>	
<p>3. Using 27:30-40 what happened when Esau came home (v30-32) and how did Jacob react (v33)? What did Esau do (v34, 35-36) and what did Isaac prophesy about him (v37, 38-40)?</p>	

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