

VISION FOR THE WORD OF GOD:
GENESIS 25-27

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Verses 25: 19-34, Family Drama

Sibling Rivalry

Family Inheritance

 Tensions between parents

 Failure of both parents to affirm both equally

 Sense of inferiority or resentment for different strength

Observe early warning signs

From Play to Prey

Verses 26: 1-11, Family Strengths and Weaknesses

Faithfulness brings covenant promises and prosperity

He got it from his Daddy/She got it from her Mama

Verses 26: 12-33,

Resentment and jealousy can cause us to do dumb things (Stopping up a working well)

There is still water in the wells of our heritage

Pick your battles

When we use wisdom, we will find our Rehoboth

The affirming and confirming presence of God

Undeniable favor

When our spirit is right, God keeps on blessing

Marrying for the wrong reasons

 To prove something to ourselves

 To prove something to others

 To get even with someone

 For money (does not necessarily give happiness)

Ingredients for Selection of a Mate, Genesis 24

 Wisdom (Abraham's involvement); Prayer (Eliezer); Above and beyond with joy;

 Beauty in the eye of the beholder; Vision beyond family and background (brother

 Laban); Independent thinker; Risk taking faith; Respect for God; Discernment

 regarding people; Loving =financial security & happiness

Genesis 27, The Tragedy of Short-term Thinking

On Rebekah's part (potential family and marriage rift)

Those who advise us to do wrong will often leave consequences of our actions on our shoulders

The spirit's check

God never runs out of blessings

Fresh hurt brings back old pain

Deception really does weave a tangled web

Bad starts do not necessarily mean bad endings and the opposite is also true (when God is involved)