

## Jacob

### My Way Leads to the Highway

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<sup>1</sup> When Isaac was old and his eyes were so weak that he could no longer see, he called for Esau his older son and said to him, "My son." "Here I am," he answered.<sup>2</sup> Isaac said, "I am now an old man and don't know the day of my death." <sup>3</sup> Now then, get your equipment—your quiver and bow—and go out to the open country to hunt some wild game for me. <sup>4</sup> Prepare me the kind of tasty food I like and bring it to me to eat, **so that I may give you my blessing before I die.**" Genesis 27:1-4, NIV

Isaac used \_\_\_\_\_ to get \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>5</sup> Now **Rebekah was listening** as Isaac spoke to his son Esau. When Esau left for the open country to hunt game and bring it back,<sup>6</sup> Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "Look, I overheard your father say to your brother Esau . . . <sup>9</sup> Go out to the flock and bring me two choice young goats, so I can prepare some tasty food for your father, just the way he likes it. <sup>10</sup> Then take it to your father to eat, **so that he may give you his blessing before he dies.**" Genesis 27:5-6; 9, NIV

Rebekah used \_\_\_\_\_ to get \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>12</sup> What if my father touches me? **I would appear to be tricking him** and would bring down a curse on myself rather than a blessing." Genesis 27:12, NIV

Jacob wanted to do things \_\_\_\_\_. He was fine with trickery; he just didn't want to get \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>15</sup> Then Rebekah took the best clothes of Esau her older son, which she had in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob. <sup>16</sup> She also covered his hands and the smooth part of his neck with the goatskins. <sup>17</sup> Then she handed to her son Jacob the tasty food and the bread she had made. <sup>18</sup> He went to his

father and said, "My father." "Yes, my son," he answered. "Who is it?" <sup>19</sup> Jacob said to his father, "**I am Esau** your firstborn . . . <sup>20</sup> Isaac asked his son, "How did you find it so quickly, my son?" "**The LORD your God gave me success,**" he replied. Genesis 27:15-19<sup>a</sup>, 20 NIV

Getting \_\_\_\_\_ leads to a spider web of sin that leads me to \_\_\_\_\_ to God, others and myself.

<sup>41</sup> **Esau held a grudge** against Jacob because of the blessing his father had given him. He said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob." . . . (Rebekah said) "Your brother Esau is planning to avenge himself by killing you." <sup>43</sup> Now then, my son, do what I say: **Flee at once** to my brother Laban in Harran. Genesis 27:41-43, NIV

The selfish ways of everyone involved led Jacob to the \_\_\_\_\_ and strained \_\_\_\_\_ relationship in the family.

<sup>30</sup> As for God, **his way is perfect**: The LORD's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him. Psalm 18:30, NIV

<sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. **I have learned the secret of being content** in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:12-13, NIV

God gives me every blessing I need in \_\_\_\_\_. I will be \_\_\_\_\_ with whatever blessings he gives me.

#### MEMORY VERSE

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**My next step:** I will submit my way to God's way. He loves and forgives me and leads me to trust him for every blessing.

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