

Grasping Our Birthright
Genesis 25:19-34

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- In what area of life would you and/or your family do well to follow Isaac and Rebekah's example of praying and active waiting on the LORD? How will you do that?
- How does the prophecy from the LORD (25:23) connect to this family's large role in God's redemptive work in the world?
- What is the birthright that Jacob so desired and Esau despised? What privileges and status in the family would go with it? What does the selling of the birthright reveal about both Jacob and Esau, their relationship, and their relationships to their father?
- What is the birthright of Jesus, the true firstborn of the Father (cf. Rom. 8:28-32; Col. 1:15-20; Heb. 1:6; 2:10-11)? How does Jesus share his birthright with us?
- What are ways we might grasp for the birthright Jesus graciously gives? How might we despise it? Which do you struggle with more?
- What is a way you can claim and live into your God-given birthright through Christ this week? How can your small group or others pray for you and support you in this?

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