

The Power of Blessing
Genesis 27:1-40

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- What is it about the blessing that makes it so desirable? Although our culture is radically different, how can we receive or just long for a blessing from others today, especially from parents?
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- What is included and presented in the blessing that Isaac gives to Jacob? How does this set Jacob up for the future?
- Read *Genesis 27:30-40*. How do Isaac and Esau each react when Jacob's deception is revealed?
- How do God's sovereign power and grace interact in this story with human decisions and actions? How have you seen similar interactions in your life or in your family?
- How could this story be reset to fit into our modern world? In your retelling, with which character do you most relate?
- When have you felt deeply and personally blessed by someone? What did they say and do? How has that influenced your life?
- Who is God calling you to bless (e.g., family member, friend, even an enemy)? How will you do this? How can your small group or others pray for you and support you in this?

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