



# FAMILY IMPRESSIONS



Impressing the Love of Jesus on Every Heart in Every Home Every Day

## GENESIS 32-36: JACOB AND ESAU

### LISTEN

**Talk** about your day. Check-in to see how everyone is doing. Share blessings and challenges. This will help you connect God's word to your daily lives.

**Read** Genesis 32-36 at your own pace.

### LEARN

**Discuss** what you've read. Begin with any of your own observations or questions. Discuss the questions for each chapter. Conclude with Luther's Four Questions (bottom).

**Genesis 32** Who met Jacob as he traveled home? Why? A/D – angels are always with us.

How did Jacob feel about seeing Esau again? What did he do to protect his family?

How did Jacob address God in his prayer? How did he show humility? How did he show faith?

How can/do we address God in prayer? How can we show humility? How can we show faith?

Describe the gifts Jacob prepared for Esau? Why so much? What that a good or bad idea and why?

What happened to Jacob while he slept that night? Who was wrestling him and how do you know?

How did God bless Jacob? What happened to his hip and why? What new name did Jacob get?

How do we "wrestle" with God? How does God bless us? How does he teach us to rely on him?

**Genesis 33** How did Esau greet Jacob? Why didn't Esau want Jacob's gifts at first? How did Esau offer to help Jacob? What does all that show about Esau's attitude toward Jacob? A/D – I have forgiven my siblings for all their sins against me. How do we find strength to forgive those who have hurt us deeply? Why important that Jacob bought land in Canaan?

**Genesis 34** What happened to Dinah? How did her brothers feel about that? What request did Shechem's father make? What condition did the brothers demand? What did two brothers later do? Did they sin? What should we do when someone sins against us? A/D – sin deserves revenge.

**Genesis 35** To where did God direct Jacob? What did they need to get rid of first? How did they end up worshipping foreign gods? A/D – the people and culture around us influences our faith. How did God protect the family as they traveled (v.5)? What promise did God keep to Jacob (28:21)? What did God do for Jacob at Bethel? What happened to Rachel? How old was Isaac when he died? How does God decide our time of death?

**Genesis 36** This chapter closes the history on Esau with a listing of his descendants. The rest of Genesis will focus on Joseph, a son of Jacob, whom God will use to continue accomplishing his will.

### Luther's Four Questions

1. *What does this teach you about God?*
2. *What sin does this lead you to personally confess?*
3. *How does this point us to Jesus?*
4. *What does God want us to believe or do as we think about this?*

## LOVE

**Pray** from what you learned:

I Praise you God because you are ...  
Forgive me because I am (or I have) ...  
Thank you, Jesus, for ...  
Help me ...

Add any other prayers for self, family or others and the Lord's Prayer.

**Memorize** God's Word by repeating together. Do one passage/section each day until memorized. Then move on to the next passage. You may not learn all the passages; that's OK. You can learn more in the future.

**The First Commandment** You shall have no other gods. *What does this mean?* We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.

**The Fifth Commandment** You shall not murder. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.

**Bless** each other with God's name:

The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look on you with favor  
† and give you peace. Amen.