



# FAMILY IMPRESSIONS



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

## GENESIS 27-31: JACOB AND LABAN

### 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 27-31 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 27** What did Isaac plan to do for Esau? What's wrong with that (cf. 25:23)? What did Rebekah plan to do with/for Jacob? What's wrong with that? What was Jacob's concern (v.12)? List all the ways Jacob tried to deceive his father. How do we try to deceive God? How and why does God bless us anyway? How did Esau react? How have you sought revenge on others? What plan did Rebekah now make? Have you ever run away from sin?

**Genesis 28** What excuse convinced Isaac to send Jacob away? How does God use even sin and deceit for good? Where did Jacob go and why there? Did Esau make things better? How do we try to make sin better? Describe Jacob's dream while running away. Why do you think God gave him that dream? What promises did God repeat to Jacob? How did Jacob respond? T/F – we need God to keep repeating his promises to us.

**Genesis 29** Whom did Jacob meet and how did he help? What "working" deal did Jacob make with his uncle Laban? How did Laban deceive Jacob? T/F – Jacob deserved a taste of his own deceiving. T/F – when looking for a spouse, how they look doesn't matter.

**Genesis 30** What competition did Leah and Rachel have? Make a list of Jacob's children by mother. T/F – God wants us to have as many children as possible. What new deal did Jacob make with Laban? T/F – Jacob was dishonest while raising the flocks. Which is more important: trusting God or hard work?

**Genesis 31** How did Laban and his sons begin to feel about Jacob? What makes you jealous of others? Why is it important to deal honestly with others? What did God tell Jacob to do in a dream? How did Jacob deceive Laban one last time? How did God protect Jacob from Laban? How does God protect you? How did Rachel sin against her father (more than one way)? For how long had Jacob lived and worked with Laban? How had Jacob suffered consequences for deceiving his father for his blessing? T/F – we will always suffer consequences for our sin. What agreement did Laban and Jacob make? Should we make agreements to treat others well?

### 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 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 Seventh Commandment** You shall not steal. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or property, or get it by dishonest dealing, but help him improve and protect his property and means of income.

**The Ninth Commandment** You shall not covet your neighbor's house. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or obtain it by a show of right, but do all we can to help him keep it.

**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.