

## **LIFE Group Guide**

Dysfunction

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Genesis 25:29-34



**THE ORCHARD**

**Read:** Genesis 25:29-34

### **Outline:**

#### **Mother Rebekah**

- Came from a dysfunctional family
- Was a dysfunctional person
- Raises dysfunctional children

#### **God works in Jacob's dysfunction**

- He calls us from broken places
- He places us among broken people
- He uses broken situations

#### **When "chasing the dream" God offers us...**

- Don't surrender the dream for soup - **Hebrews 12:12-17**
- His purpose prevails - **Romans 9:10-12**
- His timing is perfect – **Psalms 69:13**

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What encouraged, nourished, or challenged you from this sermon? The scripture passage?
2. What are some ways that you see God working in and through broken people and situations in the story of Jacob?
3. Stories like Jacob's remind us that we are broken people in a broken world. How does God help us in the midst of our brokenness and the brokenness of this world?
4. What did Esau do to show that he didn't value his birthright? What are things we do that devalue God's promises in our lives?
5. What promises of God can we cling to when we are in the middle of messy moments in our lives? What truths can help us to keep pursuing God when life is broken?