



**THINGS THAT MATTER:**

**FAMILY**

**FAITH**

# MORNING GLORY

**FINANCE**

**FRIENDS**

# Opening Scripture

Genesis 25:21-27

# Verse:21

Now Isaac pleaded with the Lord for his wife, because she *was* barren; and the Lord granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

# Verse:22

But the children struggled together within her; and she said, “If *all is well*, why *am I likethis?*” So she went to inquire of the Lord.

# Verse:23

And the Lord said to her: “Two nations are in your womb, two people shall be separated from your body; one people shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger.

# Verse:24

So when her days were fulfilled *for her* to give birth, indeed *there were* twins in her womb.

# Verse:25

And the first came out red. *He was* like a hairy garment all over; so they called his name Esau.

# Verse:25

Afterward his brother came out,  
and his hand took hold of Esau's heel;  
so his name was called [e]Jacob.  
Isaac *was* sixty years old when she  
bore them.

# Verse:27

So the boys grew. And Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field; but Jacob was a mild man, dwelling in tents.

# Verse:28

And Isaac loved Esau because he ate *of his* game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

# Morning Glory

“The Struggle Within”

# Opening Thought

The Struggle is Real!

# Struggle

To make a strenuous effort to do or achieve something difficult, to contend with an opponent or problem.

# Conflict

Clash or disagreement between opposing interests, ideas, or people, stemming from differences in goals, values, or perceptions.

# Types of Conflict



- External
- Internal

# External

- ✓ What happens to you
- ✓ Visible
- ✓ Audible
- ✓ Measurable

# Internal

- ✓ The war within you
- ✓ Shapes you

# Internal

Before Jacob ever struggled with Esau in the field, he struggled with him in the womb.

Before the fight became visible, it was already internal.

# The Struggle

Rebekah never saw the conflict, but she felt it.

# Insight

The most influential conflicts in your life will not announce themselves outwardly. They will disturb you inwardly.

# Why

Why am I..... The struggle  
drove Rebekah to God.

# Inquiry

The questions or conflict  
should drive you closer to  
God.

# Struggle Reveals Destiny

- ✓ Two Nations
- ✓ Two People
- ✓ One Womb

# Closing Thought

The struggle precedes separation. What's internal will eventually become external.