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JACOB & ESAU - FORGIVENESS

ICE BREAKER:

Forgiveness: action or process of forgiving or being forgiven.

- Is forgiveness a noun or a verb?
- Ever had to forgive someone?
- Ever been on the receiving end of forgiveness?

READ GENESIS 25:29-34

The Birthright

- What is going on here?
- Would you be upset with your brother if this happened to you?
- How would you deal with it?

READ GENESIS 27:1-40

The Blessing

- What's going on here? (Burn me once, but twice?)
- How would this make you feel?
- How should Esau deal with this?

READ GENESIS 27:41-45

The Exit

- Why did Jacob leave? What drove him?

READ GENESIS 28:10-17

The Dream

- Why was this dream significant?
- How did it change Jacob?

READ GENESIS 31:1-13

The Return

NOTE: Jacob spent 20 years in Haran and married Leah & Rachel. But now God speaks and tells him to go back home.

- What fears might he have had?
- Do we let fear or faith drive us?

READ GENESIS 32:22-32

The Wrestling Match

- Ever wrestled with God? Over what?
- All of us need to let God win out!

READ GENESIS 33:1-7

The Forgiveness

- When had Esau forgiven his brother?
- How did he show forgiveness?
 - Read vs. 4, vs. 8-9, and vs. 12

NOTE: Forgiveness leads to action!

- Is forgiveness, not accompanied by action, real forgiveness?
 - Read Matthew 6:14-15
 - What did Jesus say about forgiveness?
 - Read Colossians 3:13
 - What did Paul say about forgiveness?

APPLICATION

Who do you need to forgive?
Pray for strength to truly forgive.

