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## About Gen. 25-43

1. God's early preparations to bring the Messiah into the world.
2. The story is important because Jesus is important.
3. Remarkable thing: These families were so dysfunctional - lies, betrayals, threats, deceits, brotherly brutality.



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4. Favoritism in Isaac's family - 25:27-28.
  - ❖ Jacob's lies and theft.
  - ❖ Esau's vow to kill Jacob.
  - ❖ Jacob's escape, away from home for 20 years.
5. Favoritism in Jacob's family - 37:18-20.
  - ❖ Brothers' threat to kill Joseph.
  - ❖ Joseph's slavery in Egypt, away from family for 20 years.
6. God used broken families to build a nation.





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## Lessons from Gen. 25-43

1. Importance of parents being wise about their parental responsibilities.

- ❖ Great damage when parents fail.
- ❖ Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21 – parents must not create a discouraging environment.
  - Harshness when not called for – cruelty.
  - Inconsistent in discipline – partiality.
  - Unwillingness to bend – stubbornness.
  - Promises not kept – dishonesty.
  - Strict with kids, loose with self – hypocrisy.



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2. Importance of children learning from and rising above their parents' mistakes.

- ❖ Children repeating parental failures not unusual.
- ❖ Does not have to be that way.
  - Kings of Judah - 5 good sons after bad fathers.
  - No evil king got a pass because of his father's evil.
- ❖ Ezek. 18:1-18, esp. vss. 10-18.
  - Vs. 4 - “The soul who sins shall die.”
  - God expects children to rise above evil parents.





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### 3. Importance of God's chastening.

- ❖ Jacob the deceiver - Gen. 27.
  - Deceived, lied, and stole to gain what was rightfully his brother's.
  - Learned in Padan Aram what it feels like to be on the receiving end of lies and deceptions.
  - Returned home better equipped to lead, ready to lean on the Lord rather than his own cunning.



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- ❖ Joseph the trouble-maker - Gen. 37.
  - Braggart and tattle-tale.
  - Learned in Egypt the harm caused by trouble-making, the value of minding one's own business, the reward of quiet patience.
  - Reunited with brethren better equipped to lead with a meek and gentle spirit.

Pro. 3:11-13 - Do not despise the Lord's chastening.





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4. God uses messed up people!

**God can use  
me and you!**