

Chapter 25:

How many children did Abraham have when he passed? Who buried him? Where?

What did Isaac and Rebekah struggle with? For how long? And what did he do on behalf of his wife?

Rebekah asks God what's going on in her womb, how does He respond? How does this differ from cultural norms of the time?

Describe Jacob and Esau:

What is a birthright?

Chapter 26:

God appeared to Isaac, summarize what He tells him:

List the similarities you find in this text with Abraham's life:

Is Isaac punished or blessed in this text? How do you explain this?

What does verse 25 tell you about Isaac's faith?

How does verses 34 and 35 give you insight into the type of man Esau has grown into?

Chapter 27:

How does a blessing compare to a birthright?

How were blessings traditionally given and how/why was this different? Who else is listening?

In what ways are Rebekah's actions like Sarah's?

How does verse 20 shine a light on Jacob's faith?

List the ways Isaac determined he was with Esau. Did he use physical or spiritual discernment before giving the blessing? Did Isaac know God's intentions for his sons?

Who is the hero in this story?

Reflection:

Describe your spiritual birthright in Jesus. In what ways could you be guilty of 'selling (or trading) your birthright' for temporary pleasures?

People are watching believers always! Pagan King Abimelech criticizes Isaac for lying about his relationship with Rebekah. What do people see when they watch you? Do you live in a manner worthy of the gospel?

Could you be considered guilty of showing favoritism within your immediate and extended family? What actions, if any, need to be taken to correct this situation? Where can it lead if not corrected?

How does God continuously respond to these flawed people of Genesis and how does He continuously respond to you?