

# Discussion Guide

Troublesome Trickery

May 31, 2026

## **PART 1: RECAP. HAVE SOMEONE READ THIS OUT LOUD.**

This past week we looked at Genesis 25, the story of Isaac's sons Jacob and Esau, and how Jacob takes Esau's birthright for himself. This week we are in Genesis 27, a difficult story of how Jacob and his mother Rebekah conspired to deceive Isaac, and cheat Esau out of his customary blessing as the older son. Each of the characters in this story sinned, and there were lasting consequences of their behaviors. From our story we see the importance of walking in integrity, but also that when we falter God still extends us forgiveness.

- Tell of a time when you pretended to be someone you weren't. What happened and why did you do that?
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## **PART 2: HAVE SOMEONE READ GENESIS 27:1-40 OUT LOUD. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AS A GROUP.**

- What was Isaac's sin in the story? What about Rebekah, Jacob, and Esau's?
  - How did their sins affect their relationships with God and others?
  - What does God's use of the people in our passage, even with their brokenness, say about who God is and his character?
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### **PART 3: REFLECT. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS TOGETHER.**

- How might your life look different if you were to more wholeheartedly seek God's approval and blessing instead of the approval and blessing of someone/something else?
- Which of sin's consequences resonate most in your life currently: broken relationships, poor choices, bitterness and anger, or the "ripple effect"? How are you seeing these effects, either from your own struggle or from someone else's sin affecting your life?
- How would you describe your level of trust in God? From our passage or from other ideas, how can you increase your level of trust?

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#### **KEY VERSE:**

Hebrews 12:15

See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled...

#### **NEXT STEPS:**

- I am thankful that God uses people with faults, just like me.
- I will confess my failures and repent of my sin today.
- I will accept God's forgiveness and seek reconciliation with \_\_\_\_\_.
- I will commit to a life of integrity and ask my church family to help me.

