



## Jacob Meets Esau

July 31

**INTRODUCTION:** Jacob, encouraged from his encounter with God, must now face the music he has long dreaded as he returns home.

**REVIEW:** The Bible Project, [Genesis](#) (be cautious with other videos)

**KEY POINT:** grace, blessing, restitution, lying, wisdom

**A.M. SERMON RECAP** (George Bell)

- What was the sermon about?
- What were the key points?
- Key takeaways...? Questions to keep considering?

**P.M. SERMON RECAP** (Elias Thoma?)

- What was the sermon about?
- What were the key points?
- Key takeaways...? Questions to keep considering?

**READ:** Genesis 33

### QUESTIONS:

*Bookending this story is Jacob's conversion at Penuel and the building of His first altar in answer to Gen 28:20. It had been a slow road to faith. Finally, he makes this visible in worship (akin to Baptism).*

Final Preparations (vv. 1–3a)

1. *Even with the droves of presents, Esau is still coming with 400 men (think Abraham's 318 men of war). **Even after much prayer and preparation how is action the final step of faith? Share a time when you've step forward into the trepidation in faith.***
2. Unlike at the ford of the Jabbok where he was last, how did he lead by example?
3. What does the ordering reveal of his family priorities? Who did he think was his child of promise?

The Meeting (vv. 3a-7)

4. How did Jacob show humility toward his brother?

5. **To be reconciled, why must the guilty party unconditionally recognize?**

6. How did Esau dispense with ceremony?

7. God was evidently at work in his life too. How should this be an encouragement to us?

The Presents (vv. 8–11)

8. **Jacob firsts asks Esau to accept the droves/presents to find favour (like a propitiation); then as my present (like a thank offering); and finally as 'my blessing.'**

9. *Jacob couldn't give God's blessing back, but he could share its fruits. **How do we bless others through God's blessings to us? For the one asking forgiveness, why is it important to accept apologies/restitution?***

10. **We don't only need God's forgiveness but the forgiveness of the one whom we've \_\_\_\_\_. Why is restitution essential? (Lk 19:8).**

11. *Compare Esau's 'I have enough' and Jacob's twofold 'God has graciously.'* **Where does true gratitude flow from?**

12. *'Like seeing the face of God'-* How had Esau, like God, shown Jacob grace?

13. *After 20 years Jacob is humbled. He recognizes all he has is of grace. **Is this true of us?***

The Separation (vv. 12–16)

14. *Eccl 7:20- Jacob is not a perfect man. Jacob, rather uncommittedly, makes excuses about not going to Seir or accepting armed protection (Eph 4:25). **Why might he have done this? Why ought we to be forthright with people?***

The Settlement (vv. 17–20)

15. *Succoth is where Abraham first entered the Promised Land (Gen 12:6). Shechem sets us up for the next story.*

16. **Reminiscent of Lot, how was Jacob foolish to 'camp before [toward] the city'? (1 Cor 15:33). How do we see this today?**

17. *Still, to Abraham's tomb, Jacob is able to obtain a second piece of land. Along with children and possessions, God's promises are coming true. **How do these promises point to the greater promise of Christ?***

**NEXT WEEK:** Aug 7- Defiling of Dinah, Gen 34