### The Story Begins: God Reaffirms the Covenant Genesis 25:19-34

"It is delightful to worship God, but it is also a humbling thing; and the man who has not been humbled in the presence of God will never be a worshiper of God at all." - A. W. Tozer

I. God keeps His promises in unusual ways. 25:19-34

Ungodly Desires

Ungodly Requests

Ungodly Priorities

**Ungodly Promises** 

Ungodly Lives

II. God keeps His promises to unworthy people. 26:1-17

John 1:51 - "And Jesus said to him, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.""

<sup>28:10-22</sup> 

## Faith Sheet

**Series Memory Verse -** Genesis 1:26-27 - *Then God said,* "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

**Monthly Verse -** Genesis 22:18 - "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

**Weekly Verse -** Genesis 26:4 - "*I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and will give your descendants all these lands; and by your descendants all the nations of the earth shall be blessed."* 

# Reviewing This Past Sunday The Story Begins: God Reaffirms the Covenant - Genesis 25:19-34

- 1. Why do you think God allows us to experience adversity between the time we receive a promise and its fulfillment?
- 2. How does knowing that God uses unlikely and unworthy people to accomplish His plan free us to be confident where we are?
- 3. What situations cause you to doubt God's promises to you? Are they financial challenges, health challenges, family challenges, work challenges, or other issues? How do you battle your doubts and trust God's promises in these difficult circumstances?
- 4. God has made promises to us that are independent of our own worthiness, but we often seem to believe that God is mad at us or that we forfeit His blessing if we fail Him. Why is it easy to think God is perpetually angry with us when we fail Him?
- 5. What are the similarities and differences between God's promises and the promises we make?
- 6. Can human disobedience or natural disasters keep Him from being true to His word?
- 7. In what way, does sin and/or disobedience keep us from experiencing the presence of God?
- 8. How does God's covenant with you in Christ affect your daily life?

Hebrews 12:16 - "See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son."

"Unlike the tower built by the people of Babel, this was a ladder (In Genesis 28) built by God. This was not a ladder on which men would make their way up to the gates of God but a ladder on which God would come down to man on this night, to a lonely, fearful, loved-by-God heel-grabber." - Nancy Guthrie

### Preparing for Next Sunday

### The Story Begins: God's Dysfunctional Covenant Family - Genesis 27:1-40

- 1. Read the passages and ask the Lord to reveal Himself and His truth. (Genesis 27:1-40)
- 2. HIGHLIGHT a verse or truth that stands out to you and write it out.
- 3. EXPLAIN the text in your own words to make sure you see the big picture of God's Story. (Who wrote it & why was it written? To whom it was written? What is the context? How does the text point to the Father, Son or Spirit? What is the text telling us about our new identity as believers in Christ or what we are to be doing?)
- 4. APPLY a truth from the text to your own life. (Focus on what God is saying to you and what is your act of obedience, confession, praise, giving thanks, etc.)
- 5. RESPOND in prayer and go apply what God reveals to you from the Scriptures.