

THE Story

Lesson 5 Chapter 2 Jacob and Esau p. 20-26

1. Because Jacob had shrewdly acquired Esau's birthright and stolen their father's blessing, Jacob feared his brother's revenge. How did Jacob prepare for his meeting with Esau?

2. What do you learn about prayer from Jacob's prayer that's recorded for us at the bottom of page 22 to the top of page 23?

Was he relying most upon God or his own resourcefulness?

If God, then why was he so afraid? Check out Mark 4:40 & 5:36.

3. As recorded at the bottom of page 23, what attitude did Jacob have when he wrestled with the "man" who Jacob eventually realized was actually God?

Did Jacob prevail by his own strength or by faith?

Why might some believe that the one Jacob wrestled with was the pre-incarnate Christ?

4. How do you think Jacob must have felt when Esau threw his arms around him and they wept together? (page 24) Ever had an experience like that?
5. At the top of page 25, how did Jacob's repentance show itself, and how was it rewarded?
6. Jacob and Esau were both sinners. What, however, was the vital difference between them? Do we ever read about Esau worshipping God and repenting of his sin? Check out Hebrews 12:16-17 for God's commentary on his life.
7. This chapter ends with the death of Jacob's wife Rachel and his father Isaac. (the bottom of page 25-26) Reflect on those close to you who have passed into eternity. How has God sustained you and enabled you to keep going?
8. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about
our humanity....
 sins to avoid &

 examples to follow
our God...
 His promises to claim &

 His character to embrace