

**FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION**  
**Called & Chosen: Abraham - Genesis 27:1-45 - "A Father's Blessing"**

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?  
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. As you look at the family of Abraham (& now, Isaac, Jacob, and Esau), where do you see sinful brokenness & dysfunction?  
How are God's power and goodness revealed all the more as He works through these broken people?  
How does humanity's continual brokenness lead to our clear need for and the divinely ordained pathway to the Savior?  
Does this encourage you in your life as you look at your own personal and relational brokenness through the years?  
Do you ever feel that your own past sins have caused you to be unable to be used by God for His glory?  
What are some Bible verses that lead you to realize that, through Christ, God really can/will use you for His glory?
3. Where do you see deceptive scheming by Rebekah & Jacob in this passage?  
What are some ways that Rebekah & Jacob might have attempted to justify themselves in this scheme? (Consider Genesis 25).  
How do we know that they weren't truly justified in their deceptive actions? (what does Scripture say about this topic)?  
What are some of the consequences that we see toward the end of this chapter? (& more future consequences to come)?  
Have you ever attempted to justify your own sinful actions even though you knew deep down it was wrong?  
How did things work out in that situation for you, and what, if any, consequences resulted from your actions?
4. How does this passage reveal God's sovereignty and His ability even to use the sinful schemes of man to accomplish his purposes?  
Where else in Scripture do we see the Lord using the evil plans of others to ultimately carry-out His plans?  
*\*Consider passages like Genesis 50:15-21, Acts 2:22-24*  
How does the Gospel message and the reality of Jesus' crucifixion relate to this narrative in Genesis 27?  
If God uses even the sinful actions of people for His purposes, does it justify those who carried them out? Why or why not?  
*\*Consider the above passages as well as Romans 5 & 6 (particularly 5:18-6:14) as you process this question.*  
How does trusting in the sovereignty of God & humanity's inability to thwart God's plans encourage you in your life?
5. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?  
**God's uses this broken family for his purposes!**  
*Our fruit is found in God's goodness not ours!*  
**Sin & deception always have consequences!**  
*God will not be mocked; we reap what we sow!*  
**Man's schemes can't override God's purposes!**  
*God even uses man's sin to carry out His plans!*