

MAPPING YOUR LIFE

Genesis 25:19-34; 26:11-46

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INTRO:

1. What is a life hack?
2. Why choose Jacob's story?

A. STARTING OUR JOURNEY

1. Conflict by **design** (Gen. 25:21-23)
2. Conflict by **destiny** (Gen. 25:24-26)
3. Conflict by **differences** (Gen. 25:27-28)

B. STRUGGLING DURING OUR JOURNEY

1. **Choosing** things we want to have at once (Gen. 25:29-34)
2. **Living** a life we are not meant to live (Gen. 26:11-17)
3. **Accepting** an identity we are not meant to have (Gen. 26:18-22)
4. **Regretting** the consequences of our choices (Gen. 26:41-46)

C. SETTLING IN OUR JOURNEY

1. God **pursues** us for His purpose (Gen. 32:24-28)
2. God **redeems** us for His glory (Ex. 3:13,15)

CONCLUSION:

Read Psalm 139:7-12 and find peace in our complex, confusing and complicated journey of life.

TABLE TALK QUESTIONS

1. Jacob is a very complicated and complex story of the Bible. What comes into your mind first as you think of Jacob?
2. Read Genesis 25:21-28. In what way does the passage anticipate the struggle of an individual's identity from the moment of conception to the early stages of child development?
3. Read Genesis 25:29-34. Why do people give up something so valuable for something they want for instant gratification? How can we avoid this misstep?
4. Read Genesis 26:11-17. This passage narrates how Jacob took something that is not his but that of his brother's. While he had a choice to refuse it, he willingly cooperated what his mother wants for him.

Have you experienced doing something that you knew was not right, but you did it to please someone? How did it end?

5. Read Genesis 26:18-22. We will find from this passage how Jacob he lied for being Esau.

How do you think Jacob felt during those moments when Isaac repeatedly asked if he was Esau? How do we avoid a life of taking an identity that is not made for us?
6. Read Genesis 26:41-46. How did the choices and actions of Jacob affect him, his parents, his brothers, and the whole clan? Is it possible to get what you want and, in the end, not want what you got? Can you share an experience regarding this?
7. In Exodus 3:13-15, Moses asked God how he would introduce Him to the Israelites as they are about to leave Egypt to the Promised Land. At this time, Jacob (which means deceiver) was already renamed as Israel (the chosen one). Why did God retain the older name over the newer and 'sanctified' version of his name? What does this passage tell us about God?
8. A good story not only has conflict, but also has resolution. So you might as well get used to the idea of having conflict in your life! If your life is a story that God is writing, you can expect to face conflict throughout the plot line of your life. How has a recent conflict become a blessing?
9. End the Life Group meeting by sharing different struggles you are facing and pray for one another for understanding, faith and courage.