

**WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DO THINGS OUR WAY?
LEARNING FROM ISAAC AND HIS FAMILY
Genesis 27:1-46**

I. LEARN FROM THESE FOUR EXAMPLES OF SEEKING ONES OWN DESIRE RATHER THAN GOD'S (1-29)

A. Isaac driven by his own desire in contradiction to God's will seeks to secretly bless Esau rather than Isaac and Esau gladly follows along (1-4, 5b, 30-31)

B. Rebekah wrongly instructs and aids Jacob in deceiving Isaac (5-17)

C. Jacob deceives Isaac and receives the blessing from a leery Isaac (18-29)

II. LEARN FROM THE TWO POSSIBLE RESPONSES WHEN THE LORD FOILS YOUR WAYS: Isaac the believer is reprovved and responds in faith, while Esau the godless is sorrowful yet is unrepentant (30-40)

A. When Esau arrives, Isaac frightfully realizes what has happened and Esau bitterly responds (30-35)

B. Esau sorrowfully seeks the blessing yet is unrepentant (36-38, Heb. 12)

C. Isaac, having been confronted with God's sovereign will, by faith declares to Esau his fate (39-40)

III. LET THE SAD RESULTS OF DOING THINGS ONES OWN WAY INSTRUCT YOU: As a result, Esau seeks to kill Jacob and Rebekah, deceitfully trying to protect him, sends him away never to be seen by her again (41-46)

A. Esau seeks to console himself by seeking to kill Jacob (41)

B. Rebekah seeks within her own wisdom to protect Jacob by deceitfully sending him away, thinking it will only be a few days, yet she will never see him again (42-46)