

God's Love for the Least
Gen. 25:19-34

Getting Started

- ❖ What aspect of the sermon sparked a question or point of interest in you this week?

Key Ideas for Discussion

1. The Inscrutable Nature of God's Sovereign Grace (v.19-23)
2. The Gospel Implications within an Ancient Sibling Rivalry (v.24-34)

Takeaway Truth: Salvation is based always and only on the will and mercies of God..

Digging Deeper

- ❖ Revisit the sermon and sermon outline, read the sermon texts and answer the following:
 - How did Isaac resemble Abraham?
 - In what ways do you see God's sovereignly acting in the story of Isaac, Rebekah and their children? Read Genesis 24 to get some extra insight.
 - How did Isaac and Rebekah respond to the difficulties they were experiencing with conception and later their pregnancy? How do you respond when you face difficult times?
 - What details from the story give us insight into the character of Esau and Jacob? What do those details tells us about the boys?
 - Where was faith on display in this story? Where was it obviously missing?
 - Skim through the Genesis records in your mind. Are there other examples of God choosing one sibling over another in this book? What are the reasons given in each case? How do these examples tie in with what we learned about God's choice of Jacob?

Apply It!

- ❖ How does God's choice of Jacob instead of Esau relate to us? What are we to learn from their examples?
- ❖ What was your first reaction when someone told you that God chooses whom he will save? What are the other alternatives?
- ❖ How do you reconcile God's sovereign election with human will?
- ❖ What are some common ways we may despise our spiritual birthright? What encourages you to treat your spiritual birthright recklessly or dishonorably? What encourages you to cherish it?

Think About It!

Faith is living without scheming. (Peter Quist)

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WORSHIP RESOURCE

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WORSHIP SONGS

WE CROWN YOU (ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME)

*Words by Edward Perronet, 1779 / Music by Oliver Holden, 1793
Additional chorus by Paxson Jeancake, 2015*

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate, fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the Fall.
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.

*We crown you, we crown you Lord of all.
We crown you, we crown you Lord of all.*

O that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

LAY ME DOWN

*Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram,
Jonas Myrin, and Matt Redman, 2012*

With this heart open wide from the depths
from the heights I will bring a sacrifice.

With these hands lifted high hear my song
hear my cry. I will bring a sacrifice; I will bring a sacrifice.

*I lay down me down I'm not my own, I belong to you alone.
Lay me down Lay me down. Oh, hand on my heart this much is true,
there's no life apart from You. Lay me down Lay me down.*

Letting go of my pride giving up all my rights
Take this life and let it shine Take this life and let it shine

It will be my joy to say Your will Your way (2x)
It will be my joy to say Your will Your way always.

YES I WILL

*Words and Music by Eddie Hoagland, Mia Fielde,
and Jonathan Smith, 2018*

I count on one thing: the same God that never fails
will not fail me now, You won't fail me now.

In the waiting, the same God who's never late
is working all things out. You're working all things out.

*Yes, I will lift You high in the lowest valley.
Yes, I will bless Your name.
Yes, I will sing for joy when my heart is heavy.
All my days, yes, I will.*

I choose to praise, to glorify, glorify,
the name of all names that nothing can stand against.

KING OF KINGS

*Words and Music by Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood,
and Jason Ingram, 2019*

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
till from heaven You came running. There was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
from a throne of endless of glory to a cradle in the dirt.

*Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of kings.*

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
to redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross.
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side. Knowing this
was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died.

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
till that stone was moved for good, for the Lam had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their toms, and the angel stood in awe, for
the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint. By His
blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free, for the love of
Jesus Christ, Who has resurrected me.

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 136; Isaiah 43:8-13; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-7
MONDAY | Ps. 124; Daniel 1:1-21; 1 John 1:1-10; John 17:1-11
TUESDAY | Ps. 116; Daniel 2:1-16; 1 John 2:1-11; John 17:12-19
WEDNESDAY | Ps. 99; Daniel 2:17-30; 1 John 2:12-17; John 17:20-26
THURSDAY | Ps. 68; Daniel 2:31-49; 1 John 2:18-29; Luke 3:1-14
FRIDAY | Psalm 138; Daniel 3:1-18; 1 John 3:1-10; Luke 3:15-22
SATURDAY | Ps. 92; Daniel 3:19-30; 1 John 3:11-18; Luke 4:1-13

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Lord Jesus, your great grace was upon the early followers and there
was not a needy person among them. Help us to be gracious in our
care for one another, giving of our time and treasure with joyful
hearts, for we often have our eyes only on ourselves. When, like
Thomas, we doubt the testimonies about you, give us faith to believe
in your resurrection power. In all of our shortcomings, O Lord, we
thank you that we have an advocate in Jesus Christ, and that he is the
atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the
sins of the whole world. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



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