

JACOB AND ESAU

God is in charge of everything. Listen the story of Jacob and Esau.

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Discovering Wisdom- God Calls His People.

1. Can you remember the last time you got into a fight with someone? Maybe you yelled at a sibling; perhaps the argument turned physical. Maybe you were angry with a parent. Do you remember how you felt during that argument or fight?
2. When Jesus taught his disciples to pray in [Matthew 6:10](#), he taught them to ask for God's will to be done. We do many things that are not a part of God's will for us, including fighting with the people around us. But God's will, his plan for us, is always greater than our mistakes. As you listen to this episode, think about how God's plan unfolded even though Jacob and Esau repeatedly sinned against God and each other.

Memory Verse

The Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger."

Genesis 25:23

After You Listen

When you think about it, we do many things each day. We go to school, hang out with friends, and live in our homes. But some of the things we do seem to have no real purpose. The truth is that God has a plan for your life, just like he did for Jacob and Esau. But like them, we fight with other people, run away from God, or simply don't listen to him. You need to know that even when you sin against God and others, like Jacob did, God can still use you. His plans for you are bigger than your mistakes; no matter what you do, he will never stop loving you and leave you.

Read the whole story of Esau and Jacob in [Genesis 25-33](#). [Genesis 33](#) is especially important as it details the reunion between Jacob and Esau. Throughout their story, you can see that God never gave up on his plans for them. Want to dig deeper and learn more about God's plan for us? Check out [Proverbs 16:9](#), [Ephesians 2:10](#), and [Matthew 6:25-34](#).

Challenge

Have you ever wondered what God's plan is for you? Have you ever asked him? Prayer is the way that God invites us to talk to him. Through prayer, we can ask God anything! In prayer, we can also tell God the times when we didn't do what he wanted us to do and ask him to forgive us. Write two lists. On the first list, write the times when you sinned against God and didn't do things that were a part of his plan. On the second list, write the questions you want to ask God about his plan for your life. Then, take these two lists and pray. First, tell God where you have sinned and ask him to forgive you. Then, ask him the questions you wrote down about his plans for you.

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: Who were Jacob and Esau's mother and father?

Answer: Rebekah and Isaac

Question 2: What things did Jacob and Esau learn to do well as they grew older?

Answer: Jacob - made really good stew. Esau - was a great hunter.

Question 3: What did Jacob steal from his brother?

Answer: The blessing from their father.

Question 4: What did Jacob do to deceive his father?

Answer: He wore Esau's clothes, disguised his voice, and put sheep's wool on his arms.
