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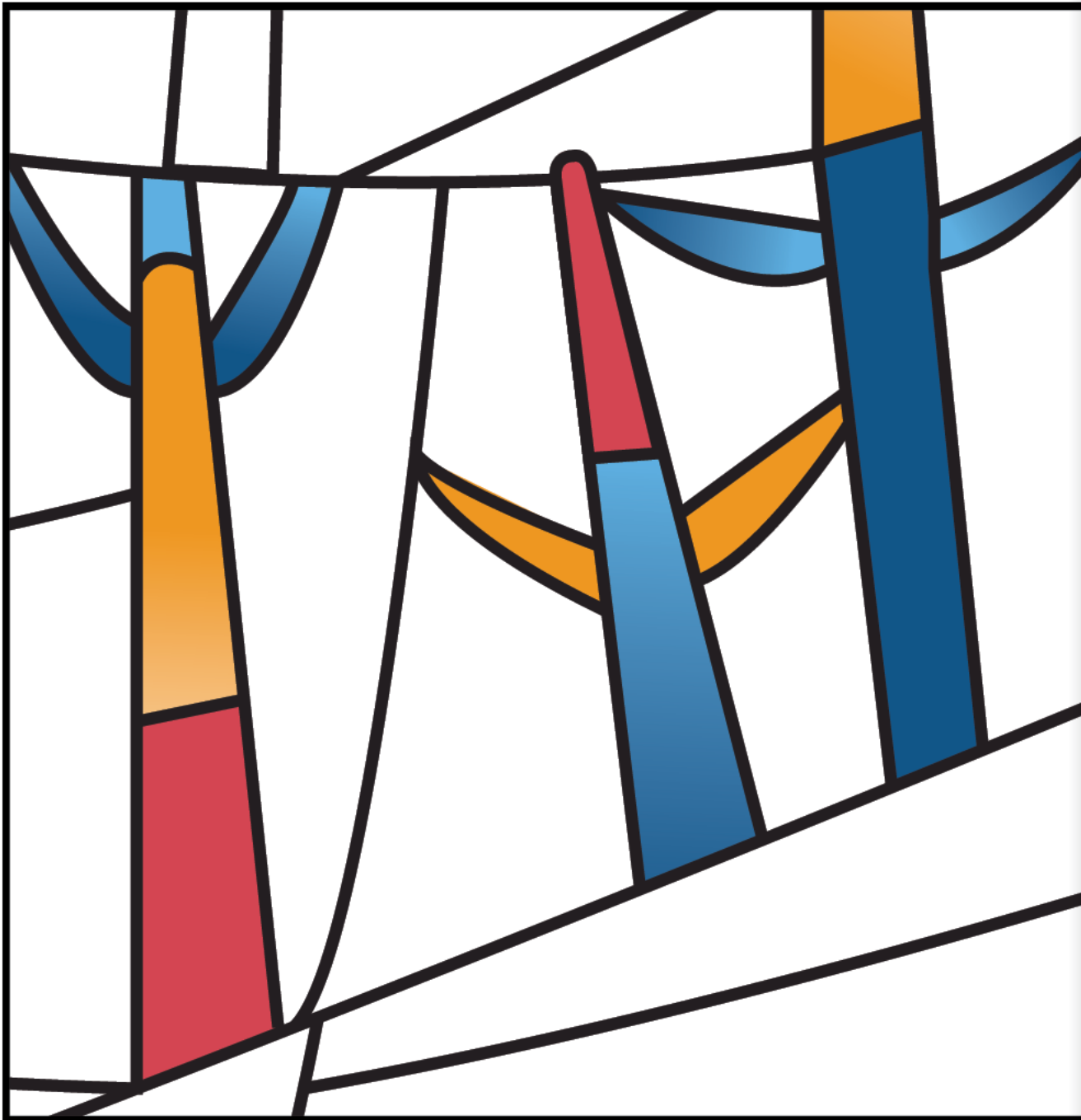
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# Who is God?

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# Who is God? Who am I?

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Who is God?

Who am I?

What does God desire  
to do uniquely through us?

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Please turn to

# GENESIS 25:19-34

Page 108 if you're following in your journal.



\* We have to understand this to understand the rest of the story -

The Birth of Esau and Jacob

19 These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham fathered Isaac, 20 and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife.

21 And Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren. And the LORD granted his prayer and Rebekah his wife conceived. 22 The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is thus, why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. 23 And the LORD said to her,

Poetry or is it?

"Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger."

- An affirmation of an older promise

Graphic like skulls being crushed rods being broken

24 When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb. 25 The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau. 26 Afterward his brother came out with his hand holding Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

Ya-qob-el - may El protect reward -

27 When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents.

This word means Perfect!

28 Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Esau Sells His Birthright

The power of a good meal?

29 Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. 30 And Esau said to Jacob, "Let me

2 cor 4:7 - we have this treasure in jars of clay...

The prayers of the righteous avail much!

Violent struggle inside Rebekah's womb

- 20 years of infertility -

Jacob appears on the scene in chapter 20 and his last words are found in chapter 47 -

Thus over half of the Book of Genesis is devoted to describing the life of Jacob why? Jacob becomes Israel - His sons become the 12 tribes

The promise 12:1-3 - The subsequent stories explain the fulfillment -

Divine revelation - The next 10 chapters highlight the struggle between the two

Joseph - Divine revelation - next chapters highlight how this plays out -

Hope differed - expectation and reality - collide -

Barrenness - without children there was none to carry on the family name

The wife had little prestige and there were no alternatives to motherhood

In old age there was no one to care for them and insure decent burial.

Procreation and was the single most important element of the marriage. (in ancient culture)



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**29** Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. **30** And Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!”  
**(Therefore his name was called Edom.)**

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# GENESIS 25:19-34



**31** Jacob said, “Sell me your birthright now.”

**32** Esau said, “I am about to die;  
of what use is a birthright to me?”

**33** Jacob said, “Swear to me now.”

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# GENESIS 25:19-34



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So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. <sup>34</sup> Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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# GENESIS 25:20<sup>a</sup>-21



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**20<sup>a</sup>** ...and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah...

**21** And Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren. And the LORD granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

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# GENESIS 25:26b



**Isaac was sixty years old  
when she bore them.**

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God's promises are rock solid.

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God's promises are rock solid.  
Character is forged in the waiting.

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It is always easier to  
know what God wants  
than when He will do it.

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When we refuse  
to wait on God,  
chaos always ensues.

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# Why infertility?

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**“[The promised heir] is God’s promise and they needed to see that only God could make His promise come true.”**

**--Trina Bresser Matous,  
Bible Teacher**

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Prays...  
Entreats...  
Pleads with God...

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GENESIS 25:22a



**The children struggled  
together within her...**

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# STRUGGLED

*/ strū' gəld / verb, past tense*

**broke, bruised, crushed;  
crushing or oppressed**

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GENESIS 25:22b



**So she went to inquire of the LORD.**

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# GENESIS 25:23b



**“Two nations are in your womb,  
and two peoples from  
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ESAU: “Hairy”

JACOB: “Heel-Clutcher”

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# Hairy Monster & the Heel Catcher

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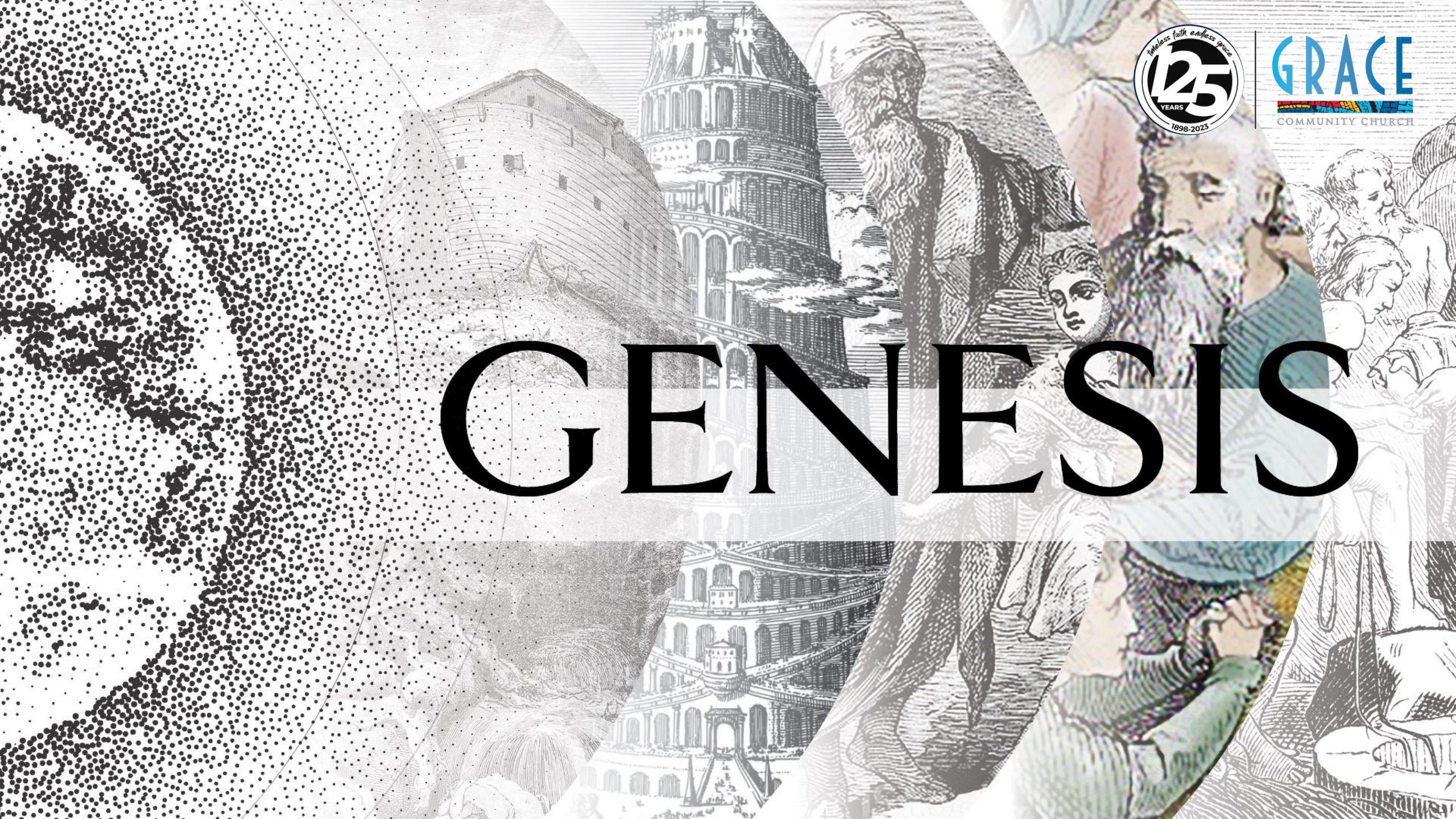


# GENESIS 25:32



**Esau said, “I am about to die;  
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The question we need to ask is:  
How am I like Esau?

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When we refuse  
to wait on God,  
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LUKE 19:42



**If you, even you, had only known  
on this day what would bring you peace...**

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