I. Jacob Limps to Reconciliation with Esau (33)

A. Jacob’s Double Deception and His Deception of Esau’s Murderous Hatred (Gen. 25, 27; 27:41)

B. Jacob’s Family to Meet Esau, Ordering His Family by (4)

C. Jacob Brings Gifts of Blessing — and Everyone Bows

D. Esau to Greet Jacob, Embracing, Kissing, Weeping (Luke 15:20)

E. Seeing the Face of Forgiveness is Seeing the Face of God (33:10; Matt. 6:12, 14-15, 1 John 4:20-21)

F. Jacob Continues His Deceptions, Refusing to Trust Esau

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B. Shechem Refuses to Protect His Only Daughter

C. Jacob Refuses to Protect His Only Daughter

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1. Jacob’s Deceitful, Thieving Ways

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A. The LORD Calls Jacob to Keep His Vow (28:20-22)

B. Rachel and the Family Are Also Worshiping (16)

C. Jacob Tells Them to Purify Themselves and Their Idols

D. The LORD Blesses Israel with Abraham’s Blessing (10-12)

E. Rachel Dies at Bethel

F. Jacob’s Sons Are When Reuben Defiles Bilhah (22)

G. Esau and Jacob Are United as Isaac Dies

IV. For Jesus Followers

A. The Transition from Jacob to Israel Requires Meeting Both God and Esau

B. Jacob Limps Physically and Morally

C. Sin Always Impacts a Community

D. Will We Respond to Insult and Betrayal as Esau, Jacob, or Simeon/Levi?

E. How Are We Relating to the Other Gods Around Us?

F. Pursue Peace with People and with God
GENESIS

IN THE BEGINNING...
I. Jacob limps to reconciliation with Esau
   A. Jacob's double deception and _________
      _________ Esau's murderous hatred
I. Jacob limps to reconciliation with Esau

A. Jacob's double deception and **betrayal**

___________ Esau's murderous hatred
I. Jacob limps to reconciliation with Esau

A. Jacob's double deception and betrayal provoked Esau's murderous hatred
1 Jacob looked up and there was Esau, coming with his four hundred men; so he divided the children among Leah, Rachel and the two female servants. 2 He put the female servants and their children in front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph in the rear. 3 He himself went on ahead
I. Jacob limps to reconciliation with Esau

A. Jacob's double deception and betrayal provoked Esau's murderous hatred

B. Jacob ______ his family to meet Esau, ordering his family by their ______
I. Jacob limps to reconciliation with Esau

A. Jacob's double deception and betrayal provoked Esau's murderous hatred

B. Jacob leads his family to meet Esau, ordering his family by their ______
I. Jacob limps to reconciliation with Esau

A. Jacob's double deception and _betrayal_ provoked Esau's murderous hatred

B. Jacob _leads_ his family to meet Esau, ordering his family by their _worth_
³Jacob himself went on ahead and bowed down to the ground seven times as he approached his brother.
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Esau asked, "What's the meaning of all these flocks and herds I met?"
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⁸Esau asked, "What's the meaning of all these flocks and herds I met?" "To find favor in your eyes, my lord," he said.
I. Jacob limps to reconciliation with Esau

C. Jacob brings gifts of blessing – ________________
    and ________________ – and everyone bows
I. Jacob limps to reconciliation with Esau

C. Jacob brings gifts of blessing – *appeasement* and _____________ – and everyone bows
I. Jacob limps to reconciliation with Esau

C. Jacob brings gifts of blessing – *appeasement* and *reparations* – and everyone bows
4 But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept.
I. Jacob limps to reconciliation with Esau

C. Jacob brings gifts of blessing – *appeasement* and *reparations* – and everyone bows

D. Esau _____ to greet Jacob, embracing, kissing, weeping
I. Jacob limps to reconciliation with Esau

C. Jacob brings gifts of blessing – *appeasement* and *reparations* – and everyone bows

D. Esau *runs* to greet Jacob, embracing, kissing, weeping
20"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. 21"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'
Return of the Prodigal Son
Rembrandt van Rijn
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22"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.
9But Esau said, "I already have plenty, my brother. Keep what you have for yourself." 10"No, please!" said Jacob. "If I have found favor in your eyes, accept this gift from me."
9 But Esau said, "I already have plenty, my brother. Keep what you have for yourself." 10 "No, please!" said Jacob. "If I have found favor in your eyes, accept this gift from me. For to see your face is like seeing the face of God, now that you have received me favorably."
I. Jacob limps to reconciliation with Esau

E. Seeing _______ face of forgiveness is seeing the face of _______
I. Jacob limps to reconciliation with Esau

E. Seeing Esau's face of forgiveness is seeing the face of _____
I. Jacob limps to reconciliation with Esau

E. Seeing Esau's face of forgiveness is seeing the face of God.
I. Jacob limps to reconciliation with Esau

E. Seeing Esau's face of forgiveness is seeing the face of God

**13**Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

*Colossians 3*
Then Esau said, "Let us be on our way; I'll accompany you." But Jacob said to him, "My lord knows that the children are tender and that I must care for the ewes and cows that are nursing their young. If they are driven hard just one day, all the animals will die.
14 So let my lord go on ahead of his servant, while I move along slowly at the pace of the flocks and herds before me and the pace of the children, until I come to my lord in Seir."
16 So that day Esau started on his way back to Seir.
17 Jacob, however, went to Sukkoth, where he built a place for himself and made shelters for his livestock.
I. Jacob limps to reconciliation with Esau

E. Seeing Esau's face of forgiveness is seeing the face of God

F. Jacob continues his deceptions, refusing to trust Esau
After Jacob came from Paddan Aram, he arrived safely at the city of Shechem in Canaan and camped within sight of the city.
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The God of Israel is God
II. Living in Canaan

A. Jacob builds an altar at __________
II. Living in Canaan

A. Jacob builds an altar at **Shechem**
II. Living in Canaan

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6 Abram traveled through the land to Shechem.
7 The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.  

*Genesis 12*
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II. Living in Canaan

A. Jacob builds an altar at **Shechem**

B. Shechem ______ Dinah
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B. Shechem **rapes** Dinah
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II. Living in Canaan

A. Jacob builds an altar at Shechem

B. Shechem rapes Dinah
II. Living in Canaan

A. Jacob builds an altar at **Shechem**

B. Shechem **loves** Dinah
II. Living in Canaan

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B. Shechem speaks tenderly to Dinah
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II. Living in Canaan

A. Jacob builds an altar at Shechem

B. Shechem decides to marry Dinah
When Jacob heard that his daughter Dinah had been defiled, his sons were in the fields with his livestock; so he did nothing about it until they came home. Then Shechem's father Hamor went out to talk with Jacob.
II. Living in Canaan

A. Jacob builds an altar at \textit{Shechem}

B. \textcolor{red}{Shechem} \underline{rapes} Dinah

C. Jacob \underline{___________} refuses to protect his only daughter
II. Living in Canaan

A. Jacob builds an altar at Shechem

B. Shechem rapes Dinah

C. Jacob passively refuses to protect his only daughter
8But Hamor said to them, "My son Shechem has his heart set on your daughter. Please give her to him as his wife. 9Intermarry with us; give us your daughters and take our daughters for yourselves. 10You can settle among us; the land is open to you. Live in it, trade in it, and acquire property in it."
II. Living in Canaan

D. Hamor invites Israel to become ____________ with Shechem
II. Living in Canaan

D. Hamor invites Israel to become one people with Shechem
7Jacob's sons had come in from the fields as soon as they heard what had happened. They were shocked and furious, because Shechem had done an outrageous thing in Israel by sleeping with Jacob's daughter – a thing that should not be done.
II. Living in Canaan

D. Hamor invites Israel to become one people with Shechem

E. Jacob's sons avenge the defilement of Dinah
Because their sister Dinah had been defiled, Jacob's sons replied deceitfully as they spoke to Shechem and his father Hamor. 

They said to them, "We can't do such a thing; we can't give our sister to a man who is not circumcised. That would be a disgrace to us. We will enter into an agreement with you on one condition only: that you become like us by circumcising all your males."
Their proposal seemed good to Hamor and his son Shechem. The young man, who was the most honored of all his father's family, lost no time in doing what they said, because he was delighted with Jacob's daughter.
Three days later, while all of them were still in pain, two of Jacob's sons, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, took their swords and attacked the unsuspecting city, killing every male. They looted the city where their sister had been defiled.
II. Living in Canaan

D. Hamor invites Israel to become _one people_ with Shechem

E. Jacob's sons avenge the defilement of Dinah by

1. __________ Jacob's deceitful, thieving ways
II. Living in Canaan

D. Hamor invites Israel to become one people with Shechem

E. Jacob's sons avenge the defilement of Dinah by

1. following Jacob's deceitful, thieving ways
II. Living in Canaan

D. Hamor invites Israel to become one people with Shechem

E. Jacob's sons avenge the defilement of Dinah by

1. following Jacob's deceitful, thieving ways
2. ________ God's precious symbol of faith
II. Living in Canaan

D. Hamor invites Israel to become **one people** with Shechem

E. Jacob's sons avenge the defilement of Dinah by
   1. **following** Jacob's deceitful, thieving ways
   2. **defiling** God's precious symbol of faith
Then God said to Jacob, "Go up to Bethel and settle there, and build an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you were fleeing from your brother Esau."
III. The journey to Bethel

A. The LORD calls Jacob to keep his vow
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19When Laban had gone to shear his sheep, Rachel stole her father's household gods.
34Rachel had put them inside her camel's saddle and was sitting on them.

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III. The journey to Bethel
   A. The LORD calls Jacob to keep his vow
   B. Rachel and the family are also worshiping...
III. The journey to Bethel

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III. The journey to Bethel

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B. Rachel and the family are also worshiping other gods

C. Jacob tells them to _______ themselves
III. The journey to Bethel

A. The LORD calls Jacob to keep his vow

B. Rachel and the family are also worshiping **other gods**

C. Jacob tells them to **purify** themselves
Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Get rid of the foreign gods you have with you, and purify yourselves and change your clothes."
2Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Get rid of the foreign gods you have with you, and purify yourselves and change your clothes. 4So they gave Jacob all the foreign gods they had and the rings in their ears, and Jacob buried them under the oak at Shechem.
III. The journey to Bethel

A. The LORD calls Jacob to keep his vow

B. Rachel and the family are also worshiping other gods

C. Jacob tells them to purify themselves and _______ their idols
III. The journey to Bethel

A. The LORD calls Jacob to keep his vow

B. Rachel and the family are also worshiping other gods

C. Jacob tells them to purify themselves and buries their idols
Jacob and all the people with him came to Luz (that is, Bethel) in the land of Canaan. There he built an altar, and he called the place El Bethel, because it was there that God revealed himself to him when he was fleeing from his brother. God said to him, "Your name is Jacob, but you will no longer be called Jacob; your name will be Israel." So he named him Israel.
And God said to him, "I am God Almighty; be fruitful and increase in number. A nation and a community of nations will come from you, and kings will be among your descendants. The land I gave to Abraham and Isaac I also give to you, and I will give this land to your descendants after you."
III. The journey to Bethel

D. The LORD blesses Israel with Abraham's blessing
16 Rachel began to give birth and had great difficulty. 
17 And as she was having great difficulty in childbirth, 
the midwife said to her, "Don't despair, for you have another son." 
18 As she breathed her last – for she was dying – she named her son Ben-Oni. But his father named him Benjamin.
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GENESIS 35
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III. The journey to Bethel

D. The LORD blesses Israel with Abraham's blessing

E. Rachel dies at Bethlehem
While Israel was living in that region, Reuben went in and slept with his father's concubine Bilhah, and Israel heard of it.
III. The journey to Bethel

D. The LORD blesses Israel with Abraham's blessing

E. Rachel dies at Bethlehem

F. Jacob's sons are _______________ when Reuben defiles Bilhah
III. The journey to Bethel

D. The LORD blesses Israel with Abraham's blessing

E. Rachel dies at Bethlehem

F. Jacob's sons are not outraged when Reuben defiles Bilhah
28So Isaac lived a hundred and eighty years. 29Then he breathed his last and died and was gathered to his people, old and full of years. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.
III. The journey to Bethel

D. The LORD blesses Israel with Abraham's blessing

E. Rachel dies at Bethlehem

F. Jacob's sons are *not outraged* when Reuben defiles Bilhah

G. Esau and Jacob are united as Isaac dies
IV. For Jesus Followers
IV. For Jesus Followers
   A. The transition from Jacob to Israel requires meeting both God and Esau
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   B. Jacob limps physically and morally
IV. For Jesus Followers
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   B. Jacob limps physically and morally
   C. Sin always impacts a community
IV. For Jesus Followers

D. Will we respond to insult and betrayal as Esau, Jacob, or Simeon/Levi?
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Forgiveness
IV. For Jesus Followers

D. Will we respond to insult and betrayal as Esau, Jacob, or Simeon/Levi?

Buying favor,
IV. For Jesus Followers
D. Will we respond to insult and betrayal as Esau, Jacob, or Simeon/Levi?

Buying favor, Avoidance,
IV. For Jesus Followers
D. Will we respond to insult and betrayal as Esau, Jacob, or Simeon/Levi?

Buying favor, Avoidance, Deceit
IV. For Jesus Followers

D. Will we respond to insult and betrayal as Esau, Jacob, or Simeon/Levi?

Vengeance
IV. For Jesus Followers

D. Will we respond to insult and betrayal as Esau, Jacob, or Simeon/Levi?

E. How are we relating to the other gods around us?
IV. For Jesus Followers

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F. Pursue peace with people and with God
16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.