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## “THE WALK OF FAITH”

“THE PROMISE OF GOD AND THE PATH OF THE PATRIARCHS”

Part 2 of the Book of Genesis (Chapters 12-50)

### PART 47

## “WE ARE ALL PRODIGALS”

“The Faithfulness of God In Spite of Family Failure & Dysfunction”

(Genesis 27:1-28:9)

### INTRODUCTION:

#### REVIEWING THE LARGER THEME — THE PATRIARCHS AND THE PROMISE:

1. This period covers approximately 2165 B.C. to 1875 B.C. It presents the narrative of God’s **promise** (Abrahamic Covenant) and the **testing** of the people to whom it is given. The faith of the Patriarchs is put to the **test** while the promise of God is placed at **risk** — sometimes by life’s **circumstances**, and sometimes by our **choices**.
2. Two other themes emerge, subordinate to the primary theme but just as significant in the unfolding metanarrative of the **promise** of God, namely, the **power** of God to **intervene** and the **providence** of God to **superintend**.

#### REVISITING THE PATH AND PRINCIPLES OF THE LIFE OF FAITH:

We have learned from our previous study in Genesis of the life of Abraham that...

1. ...the pilgrim life is **problematic**. For **famines** are not **uncommon** and **faith** is always **tested**.
2. ...the pilgrim life is a **paradox**. For we are, at one and the same time, the most **permanent** people here and to be the least **attached**.
3. Consequently, the life of faith is one of **dependency**, trusting God completely in spite of **uncertainty** and in the face of **adversity**.
4. Even \_\_\_\_\_ can be \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 1A. A FAMILY STORY \_\_\_\_\_ BY \_\_\_\_\_:

- **The Question:** How does \_\_\_\_\_ family member \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ in the home?

**2A. A FAMILY STORY \_\_\_\_\_ AROUND \_\_\_\_\_ :**

1B. Conversation #1 - \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (27:1-4)

2B. Conversation #2 - \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (27:5-17)

3B. Conversation #3 - \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (27:18-29)

4B. Conversation #4 - \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (27:30-41)

5B. Conversation #5 - \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (27:42-45)

6B. Conversation #6 - \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (27:46)

7B. Conversation #7 - \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (28:1-5)

**3A. A FAMILY STORY \_\_\_\_\_ BY \_\_\_\_\_ :**

*“Nevertheless, in Your great compassion  
You did not make an end of them or forsake them,  
For You are a gracious and compassionate God.”*

—Nehemiah 9:31

- God will accomplish His divine purpose(s)...

1B. ...in spite of our \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.

2B. ...in spite of our \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.

3B. ...in spite of our \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.

4B. ...in spite of our \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.

**CONCLUSION:**

*“By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come.”*

—Hebrews 11:20