



### *Message Notes*

#### It's Not Too Late

- Your future can be **GREATER** than your past
- God has always made a way for us to escape our past and deliver us into a greater and much better future
  - You **CAN'T**, and God **WON'T** change your past
  - You **CAN**, and God **WILL** change your future

#### Jacob the Man

- Patriarchs (Fathers) of our faith: Abraham → Isaac → **JACOB**
- A **LIE** is a **SIN** no matter the reason
- Read
  - OT – Deut. 5:20, Prov. 12:22, Psa. 34:12-13
  - NT – Eph. 4:24-25
- A lie contains an **UNTRUE** statement
- Jacob “tricked, connived, and deceived to get what he wanted and to go where he wanted to go.” – *Tony Evans*
- Jacob means **TRICKSTER** or **DECEIVER**

#### Jacob's Web of Lies

- Read **Genesis 25:22-26** (story of Esau and Jacob)
- Jacob was Rebekah's favorite; Esau was Isaac's favorite
- Read **Genesis 25:29-34** (Jacob's first lie)

- Read **Genesis 27:28-29** (Jacob's second lie)
- Jacob had stolen Esau's firstborn **RIGHTS** and his father's **BLESSING**

#### Jacob's Life Changes Forever

- Esau threatened to kill Jacob, Jacob ran away
- Principle – People **RECEIVE** a blessing from God when their **CHARACTER** is ready to receive it

“It's easy to want the goodness of God and the blessings of God, but God wants to make sure we're able to handle the power of God when it comes time for Him to give it.”

*Tony Evans*

- Read **Genesis 28:10-20** (Jacob's “stairway to heaven” dream)
- Read **Genesis 32:22** (Jacob wrestled with God)
- Jacob's flesh was **DEFEATED (broken)** so he would finally, once and for all, turn His life over to God (Read Genesis 32:28)
- His past was **ERASED**, his present **SECURED**
- God was always there, waiting on Jacob to turn to Him!

#### Your Choice

- It ain't over yet! Your future can be greater than your past!