



Genesis 25:19-34 (cf. Mal. 1:2-4; Rom. 9:1-15; Heb. 12:12-17)

“Be Curious...”

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Consult the Scriptures:

Genesis 25:19-34

Malachi 1:2-4

Romans 9:1-15

Hebrews 12:12-17

(Other Scripture referenced: Acts 20:28; 1 Tim. 4:16; Jn. 8:31-47; Gen. 27, 32)

Discuss:

1. What's was Patrick's point in bringing up the Titanic?¹ How might this relate to our culture today? Or to our lives personally?
2. Pastor Patrick gave a simple Father's Day admonition to “be curious.” What did he mean by this?
3. Read Genesis 25:19-34. Discuss the following motifs in the book of Genesis and their place in the story: (1) Generations, (2) Barrenness and the opening and closing of the womb, (3) Rivalry (i.e. two families).

¹ While the ship was taking on water below deck, things seems normal up top, to the degree that people were dressed in their finest, refusing life jackets, and listening to music. And then came panic, and ultimately, death.

4. What stands out to you in the story of Jacob and Esau? What do we learn about God in this story?
5. Read John 8:31-47 and discuss. What is the difference between these two families?
6. The story of Esau despising his birthright is epitomized in Scripture. Read Malachi 1:2-4, Romans 9:1-15, and Hebrews 12:12-17 and discuss. What does this teach us about God? What does it teach us about ourselves?
7. What immediate applications can be made in light of this text?
8. What question do you still have?