

1st- Time Commitment

Today, I pray...

Father-God,

I believe that You sent Your son, Jesus, on a rescue mission to save me from my sin. Thank you for forgiving me. Today, I surrender my life to Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

Amen

Next Steps

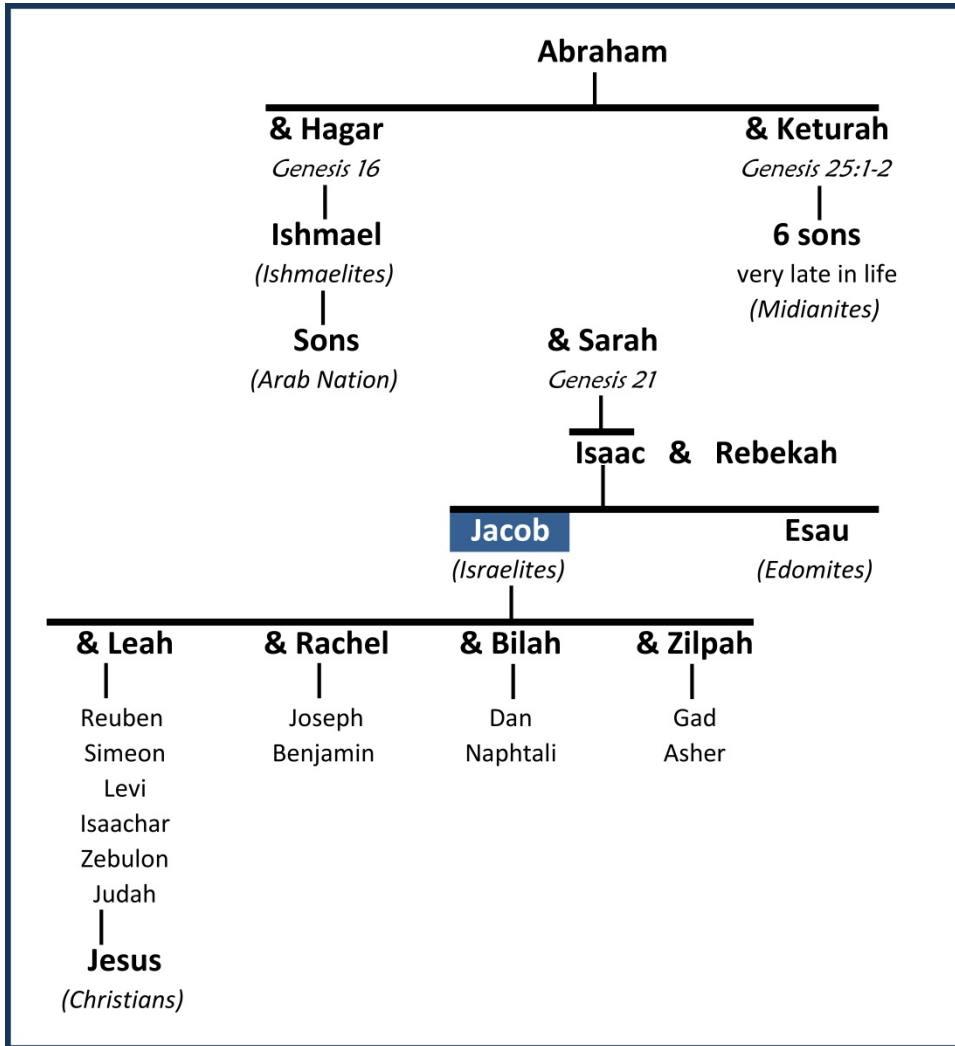
- I'll seek to be a peacemaker in my family.
- I'll pray blessings for/over each member of my family this week.
- I'll quit wrestling with God about _____ and surrender to His will.
- I want to volunteer. Please contact me: _____



Jacob

Genesis 25-37

Abraham's Family Tree



Bible Translations:
 New Living Translation (NLT)
 Good News Translation (GNT) English Standard Version (ESV)

Lessons from the Life of Jacob

1. Favoritism in families causes **ENVY, DYSFUNCTION** and **BROKEN** relationships.

“As the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter. He was an outdoorsman, but Jacob had a quiet temperament, preferring to stay at home. Isaac loved Esau because he enjoyed eating the wild game Esau brought home, but Rebekah loved Jacob.” Genesis 25:27-28 (NLT)

“Jacob loved Joseph more than he did any of his other sons, because Joseph was born after Jacob was very old.” Genesis 37:3 (GNT)

Q: How has favoritism influenced my family?

Q: What hurts can I release, today, to bring healing?

2. Hasty decisions often have **LASTING CONSEQUENCES**.

“Look, I’m dying of starvation!” said Esau. “What good is my birthright to me now?” Genesis 25:32 (NLT)

“From that time on, Esau hated Jacob because their father had given Jacob the blessing. And Esau began to scheme... ‘I will kill my brother, Jacob.’” Genesis 27:41 (NLT)

Q: What hasty decisions have I regretted in my past?

Q: What hasty decisions should I be wary of in the future?

3. In Christ, we receive a new **BLESSING** and **IDENTITY**.

“Esau said, ‘Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has cheated me these two times. He took away my birthright, and now, he has taken away my blessings.’” Genesis 27:36 (ESV)

“Then Jacob made this vow: ‘If God will indeed be with me and protect me on this journey, and if He will provide me with food and clothing, and if... then the Lord will certainly be my God...’” Genesis 28:20-21 (NLT)

“... ‘From now on you will be called Israel, because you have fought with God and with men and have won...’ Then he blessed Jacob there.” Genesis 32:28-29 (NLT)

Q: In what areas of your life do you wrestle with God?

Q: What is He wanting you to surrender to His control?