

“And So It Begins...”

From the Series,
“Jacob 180”

Genesis 25:19-26
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Meadow Baptist Church



TRANSFORMING TRUTH

Trends deceive. Traditions enslave. *God's Truth transforms.*

1. The Conception of an Amazing Life (19-21)

- a. Jacob's significant pedigree (19-20) - "These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham fathered Isaac, 20 and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to be his wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean."
- b. Isaac's deep longing (21) - "And Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren. And the Lord granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived."
- c. Rebekah's maternal instinct (22) - "The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is thus, why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the Lord." **This was a difficult pregnancy and she discerned that there was more to it**

2. The Communication of Purposed Destiny (23)

- a. Infinite purposes revealed (23) - "And the Lord said to her, Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided..." **Supernatural sonogram revealed two boys sharing one womb**
- b. Determined powers imparted (23b) - "...the one shall be stronger than the other..."
- c. Irrevocable pathways established (23c) - "...the older shall serve the younger."

For each of our lives God begins with His purpose, supplies the perfect power to accomplish that purpose & places us on the pathway toward that purpose

3. The Confirmation of God's Great Plan (24-26)

- a. Rebekah's labor was relieved (24) - "When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb."
- b. Esau's ruggedness was described (25) - "The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau."
- c. Jacob's desire for prominence was noted (26a) - "Afterward his brother came out with his hand holding Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob."
- d. Isaac's patience in prayer was rewarded (26b) - "Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them." **Prayed & waited 20 years for this**