

GENESIS 25:1-34

“GOD’S WAY OR YOUR WAY”

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE



LET'S TALK!

#1 THE IMPORTANCE OF EXAMPLE

- Check out Genesis 25:1-18. As you reflect on Abraham’s life, in what ways was he a good and bad example?
- How does Abraham serve as an example of finishing well?
- When you think of your life, who has been a good example to you? What characteristics or attributes did they demonstrate?

#2 THE IMPACT OF GRACE

- Check out Genesis 25:19-28. How did God show special grace to Isaac and Rebekah?
- In this section of Genesis, twins are born who reflect two nations. What does it mean that “the older shall serve the younger,” and why is that important? (e.g. Romans 9:6-18)
- Look at Romans 9:14-10:13 and Ephesians 2:1-10. When we understand salvation, we cannot help but stand in awe of the grace and mercy of God. Why should we never lose sight of God’s mercy and grace?

#3 THE IMPLICATIONS OF CHOICES

- Read Genesis 25:29-34. In many ways, our choices reveal a lot about us. What are some examples of choices made in chapter 25 and why are they significant? (e.g. Genesis 25:28, 25:31-33)
- Why was Jacob’s desire for the birthright a good thing, but his method of acquiring it bad?
- What did Esau’s willingness to part with his birthright reveal about him?
- God is sovereign, but still allows us to make choices that have real consequences. Using Romans 9-10 as an example, how do we understand both God’s sovereignty and man’s responsibility?