

## Talk it Over: “Perfect” Family Sept 30 & Oct 1, 2023

### Key Scriptures

Genesis 25:34  
Genesis 33:1-7  
Genesis 39:21  
Genesis 42:5-7  
Genesis 50:20

### Key Thought

*Our actions don't just speak louder than words...sometimes they echo into the next generation.*

### Start Thinking

*Think about your extended family.*

### Start Talking

*What is one way that actions from your extended family have echoed into your life?*

### Start Sharing

- 1. Read Genesis 39:19-23 What do we notice about God? How did Joseph live in the tension that God was both with him and at the same time his circumstances were hard? What can we learn from this?*
- 2. Think of person that you know who lives as if God is fully with them? What do you notice about that person? What might happen in your life if you fully believed that God was with you?*
- 3. Read Genesis 25:27-34. What do you notice about the character of Jacob and Essau?*

- 4. Can you relate to Essau? Share a time when you've traded something valuable for something that means next to nothing?*
- 5. Read Genesis 33:1-10 & 50:14-19. How are these two stories of forgiveness that play out in different generations similar? How does one impact the other?*
- 6. How are you doing at modeling faith, hope, generosity or forgiveness in times of crisis for those around you on a scale of 1-10?*
- 7. What principals or concepts do you hope to echo into the next generations of your family?*

### Start Praying

*God, will you help us to recognize what we're doing and not doing that will affect generations to come. Help us to recognize that we have opportunities to live out our faith in a way that could change the lives of others. Give us courage to push through and preserve in the hard and to model faith and kindness and forgiveness and generosity. Help our families learn how to follow and live for Jesus. Thank you for loving us and being with us always. Bless and strengthen our families, Lord Jesus. In your name, Amen.*

### Start Doing

*What is one thing that you need to change to model a principal that you want your kids and grandkids to learn from your example? What is the first step you need to take to do this?*