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Week 3 Study Questions

[Genesis 27:41-46](#)

[Genesis 28:1-9](#)

Genesis 27:41 – 28:9 reminds us that we will inevitably experience the consequences of taking matters into our own hands. When we attempt to reach even a worthy outcome by disregarding how God wants us to live, the redemption of the gospel does not promise to remove all the consequences of our disobedience. Our call and challenge is to look for ways to honor God in our current circumstances, whether or not our actions caused them.

Application

1. When Esau experienced injustice through Jacob's deception, he comforted himself with the thought of revenge. To what things do you turn to console yourself in the face of injustice? How do those comforts reveal the ways you don't trust God to be God?
2. When Rebekah realized the consequences of her actions, her solution was to encourage Jacob to flee instead of staying and trying to pursue reconciliation with Esau. In your own life, what are some ways you can honor God in your current situations instead of seeking to escape them?
3. Rebekah and Jacob wanted the right things to happen, but in their efforts to achieve the desired outcome, they chose the wrong methods. What things are you hoping for that require you to wait on God's timing? In what ways do you find yourself trying to rush God or take things into your own hands?

Key Points

- The reality of the physical and spiritual realms means that our decisions have lasting consequences. God's redemption does not mean we can avoid reaping what we sow.
- Although we manipulate situations, God in His sovereignty can use even our rebellion to bring about His glory.
- When we question how God can use this kind of corruption, we must be driven to humility as we realize that our hearts are equally rebellious.
- God is kind and gracious even in the midst of our failures and is faithful to keep His promises regardless of our disobedience.