

GOD NEVER GIVES UP

Bargaining | Genesis 25:19-34

1. Read together Genesis 25:19-34 share any thoughts or questions that arise for you from the text.
2. V21 & V26 Share times when you have prayed for others over a long time and seen God answer prayer. What were the challenges and what kept you praying?
3. Have a look at Matthew 7:7-12. What do these verses teach us about prayer? What about times when we face unanswered prayer?
4. V 22-28 compare the differences between Esau and Jacob? How are these differences played out throughout the story?
5. Where does conflict originate, what are the causes of conflict? Where do we see evidence of conflict today in our world, communities and own lives? How often do we cry out to God when we don't understand?
6. v22 What seems to be God's response to Rebekah as she cries out to God? v23 Is there hope in this response?
7. V29-34 what do these verses tell us about Esau and Jacob and their attitude to the birthright? Romans 8:17 What does your birthright as a child of God mean to you? Can you identify with Jacob's desire to inherit the birthright or perhaps sometimes Esau's indifference?
8. Read Romans 9:6-18 for Paul's use of this story to help explain God's sovereignty. When we see conflict, how does the sovereignty of God enable us to make sense of life? Or not?
9. Pray for some of the areas of conflict that have been raised this evening along with thankfulness that God is in control, working his purposes out and his presence with us each day.



What did you discover about God in this passage?
What did you discover about people in this passage?
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
With whom will you share what you have learned?

