



PRAISE TEAM REHEARSAL

Put this
on your
calendar.
Thursday,
Sept. 5
7:00 p.m.



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Instructor: Deb Perez
Next. Class: Thursday, September 12
7:00 p.m.

ORDINATION SERVICE



SUNDAY — 09.15.24
Be with us to celebrate
this high moment in
Shannon's life as she is
ordained into ministry!

MISSIONS TEAM



Join us in prayer for the Missions Team that is planning to deliver the children's clothes to Taisha, Ecuador (in the Amazon Jungle). They plan to travel at the end of September. They will be ministering in Taisha as well as Quito. The team consists of Rod Fitzgerald, Steven Skiba and Phylis Huerta.

GOD NEVER GIVES UP ON YOU

The Jacob Story

Sept 01 » Jacob: The Poster Boy for Shortcuts
 Sept 08 » Ladders from Heaven for a Man on the Run
 Sept 15 » Jacob at Jabbok: Facing the Past
 Shannon's Ordination Service

Sept 22 » Don't Settle for Shechem
 When the Blessing is in Bethel
 Sept 29 » Lessons from Jacob's Life

Prayer REQUESTS

▶ SALVATION

- Walter Miner III Gearen Family Tom M. Stein Family
- Ryan K. Tyler M. Mandy W. Dave. O

▶ HEALTH ISSUES

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Armando » Back Issues <input type="checkbox"/> Mandy W. » Cancer <input type="checkbox"/> Merle » Health Issues <input type="checkbox"/> Carlos V. » Health Issues <input type="checkbox"/> Angie & Family » Life Issues <input type="checkbox"/> Bob A. Healing/Kidney <input type="checkbox"/> Camilla S. » Cancer/Leg <input type="checkbox"/> Robert G. » Health Issues <input type="checkbox"/> Lucille S. » Health Issues <input type="checkbox"/> Augustin A. » Sobriety <input type="checkbox"/> Yalda Samano » Cancer <input type="checkbox"/> Walter Miner III. » Health Issues <input type="checkbox"/> Zach D. » Sobriety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Paitn » Return to God <input type="checkbox"/> Meztti » Return to God <input type="checkbox"/> Jeffrey » Healing <input type="checkbox"/> Ivy » Healing <input type="checkbox"/> Angela A. » Healing <input type="checkbox"/> M. Smith » Aortal Hernia <input type="checkbox"/> Clarence F. » Knee Rehab <input type="checkbox"/> Mike K. » Bone Cancer <input type="checkbox"/> Laura A. » Health Issues <input type="checkbox"/> Walter M. » Limited Mobility <input type="checkbox"/> Sophie T. » Health Issues <input type="checkbox"/> Keith K. » Health Issues <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin K. » Health Issues | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Kenzie S. » Seizures <input type="checkbox"/> Laura S. » Healing <input type="checkbox"/> Hector S. » Healing <input type="checkbox"/> Angela A. » Hospice |
|--|---|--|



▶ OTHER

- Bob A. » CDL License

METRICS THAT MATTER (08/25/24)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 39

GIVING ▶ \$613

GUESTS ▶ 0

VOLUNTEERS ▶ 14

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

GENESIS 27


Background

- Isaac has had two twin sons, Esau and Jacob.
- Esau was a man's man. He was the firstborn.
- Jacob was the opposite—more genteel.
- The big deal here is **"THE BLESSING."**

A word on the blessing

*In every family, one of the kids, almost always the oldest, got the family inheritance, which **meant they got the majority** of the property and assets, and the right to be the family name. For the descendants of Abraham, there was this **added element of inheriting the promise** to bring forth the Messiah promised to Abraham. One son in every family carried the Messianic seed. **Joshua 2:18***

Background Isaac is really old and thinks he's going to die. He wants to confer the blessing on Esau. He tells Esau to hunt up some venison and prepare a stew. **Esau leaves to go hunt the venison.** Jacob sees his opportunity. He takes a goat and makes some stew and pretends to be Esau. **But Isaac, in his old age, falls for it,** and confers the blessing onto Jacob thinking it is Esau. **Well, Esau returns** and says, "Dad, I'm here..." and Isaac realizes what has happened and says, "Son, it's too late." **Jacob has deceived his dad and betrayed his brother.**

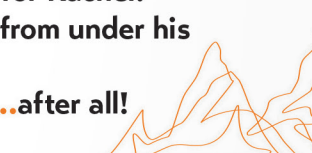


Well, Esau of course is fightin' mad and so he vows to kill Jacob. So Jacob takes off to **some relatives** in a far off place called Haran, so he heads there.

The secret about shortcuts

- Jacob lied: "It's Esau, your firstborn son."
- Isaac blessed Jacob because he was tricked into doing so.
 - Tricked by his wife, Rebekah.
 - Tricked by Jacob.
 - They took advantage of his condition.
 - Made a fool of him really.
- They were looking for an easy way to get Jacob to the top of the heap.
- **They were trying to find a SHORTCUT.**

— HOW DID THAT WORK OUT? —

- Jacob had to run away immediately afterward.
 - Esau was hellbent on killing him over the ordeal.
 - Jacob had conned him out of both his birthright and blessing.
 - He ran away to his Uncle Laban's.
 - He fell madly in love with Rachel. Laban pulled the same switch-a-roo that he pulled on his dad.
 - He owed Laban another seven years for Rachel.
 - Twenty years later he finally got out from under his uncle's control.
 - **NOT SUCH A GREAT SHORTCUT...after all!**
 - **SHORTCUTS DON'T PAY OFF.**
- 



**IF I AM ALL THAT GOD CREATED
ME TO BE, THERE HAS TO BE
SOME WORK DONE!**