

The Thread

WEEK 6 - DEVOTION 3

"His mother said to him, 'Let your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, bring them to me.'" - Genesis 27:13

Drama. Welcome to the life of a teenager, right? It can be exhausting trying to keep up with who's with whom, who's fighting whom, who's secretly in love with whom, and who's not supposed to talk to whom. What if I told you that relationship drama is not just a 21st century thing, but that it has always existed? Check out this story from the Bible.

Read Genesis 27. This story is crazy. It features a mother demonstrating extreme favoritism, a son manipulating his father and stealing from his brother, and it all boils over into one of the biggest sibling rivalries of all time. The worst part is the key figure seems to be Jacob, the con man. This sounds more like a show on the WB, not the Bible. Drama, drama, drama.

Here is the craziest part: God was at work through all of it. Don't be confused. God does not support deception. But His plan won't be thwarted by it, either. God works in spite of our shortcomings. And while our sin has consequences, it can't ultimately stand in the way of God accomplishing what He sets out to do. God had a plan for Jacob. In spite of Jacob's sin, God acted to faithfully see His plan through. God will do the same for you in your life. God will work for your good and His glory, even when you blow it. Which is a pretty good thing to remember.

Something to think about . . .

- What are some circumstances in your life that seem insurmountable? What looks as though it will never get better? How does it make you feel to know that God can work through even the most extreme circumstances?
- How do you need to move forward trusting God in your circumstances? Pray that God would help you to trust Him every step of the way