



**Series:** Genesis

**Passage:** Genesis 27:1-33

**Title:** Spiritual Imposters

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**Discussion Starter** – What are some of the things you see in this story that reveal the sins of being a “spiritual imposter” in actions demonstrated by Isaac, Rebecca, Jacob, and Esau? What are some of the parallels you see of what a “spiritual imposter” looks like in the church today?

### **Genesis 26:34 - 27:1-17**

- Do you think Isaac knew what God revealed to Rebekah in Gen 25:23? If so, why do you think he tried to give the blessing to Esau? What do his actions reveal about his relationship and walk with God at this time in his life?
- Read Genesis 25:27-28: What parenting problem do you see being revealed here in these verses, why do they happen, and what can we do to avoid them?
- What do you think is the significance of the task Isaac sends Esau on before he was to give him the blessing? How does this work into God’s sovereignty plan?
- How does Rebekah react to overhearing Isaac’s plan of give the blessing to Esau? What do you think was wrong with her plan? What do you think she should have done?
- In verse 12, Jacob is worried that Isaac will discover his mom’s plan and will “seemed to be a deceiver”. What does this say about Jacob’s character? Have you ever been more concerned with how people view you than how you really are and how God views you? If so, how is God speaking to you to change this in your life?

### **Genesis 27: 17-33**

- Describe Jacob’s character and list what you view as positive and negative traits? Can you relate to any of them? Read Psalm 139: 1-4 and compare David’s words with what we see in this story with Jacob.
- What were the four lies Jacob tells his father in verses 19-24? How do we see God letting Jacob see what he is doing is wrong in this passage? What often blinds us from the promptings that the Lord gives us not to sin or continue to sin?
- Read 1 Corinthians 10:13: When faced with the temptation of being a spiritual imposter, what does God’s word say we should do?
- What do you think Isaac, Rebecca, Jacob and Esau miss out on by not trusting God in each of their situations? What are some of the areas where you have lacked faith to follow God’s word?
- Why do you think Isaac trembled when he found out that he blessed Jacob and not Esau? What does this reveal to us about Isaac’s heart? Read Hebrews 11:20. Discuss insights on Isaac.
- What do you think this story teach us about the sovereignty of God? Read Romans 9:10-24. What additional insights do these passages give us on understanding God’s sovereignty?