

## Hebrews Chapter 11: Isaac and Jacob

Sunday, August 29 / Wednesday, September 1

**Class Topic and Date:** Isaac (Sunday, August 29)

**References:** Hebrews 11: 20; Genesis 25 – 27; Deuteronomy 21: 15 – 17;  
Genesis 12: 10 – 13; Genesis 20: 1 – 2

- In Hebrews 11: 20, why was Isaac's blessing of his sons Jacob and Esau said to be "by faith"?
- From Genesis 25: 29 – 34, why was the birthright important? What did Esau give up by selling his birthright? (see also Deuteronomy 21: 15 – 17)
- In Genesis 26: 6 – 11, how did Isaac follow the negative example of his father Abraham (see Gen 12: 10 – 13 and Gen 20: 1 – 2)? Did this show a lack of faith?
- From Genesis Chapter 27, what do you learn about Jacob and Rebekah's faith from the account of Isaac's blessing? Who was responsible for the deception? How do you see God's sovereignty in this situation? (See also Genesis 25: 22 – 23)

**Class Topic and Date:** Jacob (Wednesday, September 1)

**References:** Hebrews 11: 21; Genesis 27 – 35; Genesis 48: 8 – 21

- In Hebrews 11: 21, why was Jacob's blessing of Joseph's sons and his worship said to be "by faith"? (see also Genesis 48: 8 – 21)
- From Genesis 28: 10 – 22, what did God promise Jacob, and how was this a turning point in Jacob's life? What does Jacob's vow in Genesis 28: 20 – 21 indicate about his faith?
- From Genesis 29: 1 – 30, describe Jacob's relationship with Leah and Rachel. How did Laban change in his interaction and dealings with Jacob over time?
- We are told in Genesis 29: 31 that Rachel was barren. How did Jacob and Rachel handle this according to Genesis 30:1 – 5? What were their different perspectives on the situation, and what does that teach us about faith?
- What do you learn about Jacob's faith and his relationship with God from his prayer in Genesis 32: 9 – 12?
- From Genesis 32: 22 – 32, what are some possible reasons why God wrestled with Jacob, and how did this encounter impact Jacob's life?