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Connecting the Old and the New

Welcome!

We don't know why God chose Jacob over Esau. God choosing to make Jacob strong and to bless him couldn't have been based on foreseeing that Jacob would be a good person because Jacob was a cheat and constantly deceived his brother. This tells us that God's grace is absolutely free. God doesn't love us based on how well we perform at the Christian life. He loves us because He is good. We need to remember that we, like Jacob, are sinners and do not deserve God's love.

Two Brothers

Jacob swindled Esau out of a birthright and stole his blessing. Esau at one point declared his desire to kill Jacob. Esau was a strong man with a large following, so Jacob sent servants and gifts to try to please Esau so that he would not have to face him.

Read Genesis 25:27-34.

- How did the author describe Esau and Jacob after they had grown up?
- For what did Esau ask Jacob? Why?
- On what condition did Jacob agree to give Esau some stew?
- What was Esau's response to Jacob's condition?
- What did Jacob make Esau do?
- What was Esau's attitude?

Read Genesis 33.

Jacob was still anxious even after encountering God. Esau was joyous to see his brother, he ran unashamed, to his brother. They blessed and greeted one another. The Lord enabled their relationship to be restored because both had come to trust in God.

How did Jacob prepare for his meeting with Esau?

