

## **Life is Complicated**

### **Genesis 25:1-28:22**

#### **I. Passing the Torch – 25:1-23**

1. Transition, Abraham passes off to Isaac
2. Abraham is fruitful in his old age – 1-4  
He is 137 years old when Sarah dies – 23:1  
He was 175 years old when he died – 25:7  
In those 38 yrs. he married Keturah & had 6 sons
3. Isaac is set aside as God's choice – 5, 6
4. Abraham dies, is buried with Sarah – 7-11
5. God is faithful in blessing Ishmael – 12-18
6. Isaac is focus of God's promise – 19-23  
God blesses his union with Rebekah with twins

#### **II. Promise fulfilled – 25:19-34**

1. Isaac prays for children – 19-21  
Rebekah is barren, Isaac prays, God answers
2. Rebekah has a difficult pregnancy – 21, 22  
She prayed about the struggle in her womb
3. God reveals His sovereign choice – 23  
Younger twin (Jacob) is the chosen seed
4. Jacob & Esau struggle together – 24-34  
In the womb (22) and at birth (24-26)  
As favorites of their parents – 27, 28  
Esau sells his birthright to Jacob – 29-34

#### **III. Protection of Isaac – 26:1-35**

1. God's promise comes in time of famine – 1-5  
God repeats His covenant promises to Isaac
2. Isaac follows his father's pattern – 6-11  
Like Abraham he lies about his wife  
God protects Rebekah and Isaac
3. God blesses Isaac as He promised – 12-16
4. Struggles with neighbors over wells - 17-22
5. God appears to Isaac as he returns - 23-25  
Isaac worships before the Lord
6. His neighbors see God's blessing – 26-33
7. Esau chooses a pagan wife – 34, 35

#### **IV. Jacob's Deception – 27:1-46**

1. Isaac plans to bless Esau – 1-4  
Is his desire counter to God's plan? (25:23)
2. Rebekah's counter plot – 5-17  
Enlists Jacob in an act of deception
3. Jacob responsible for his deception - 18-29  
He is the deceiver in his mother's plan
4. Esau's bitter disappointment – 30-40  
No blessing is left for him
5. Esau's anger causes Jacob to flee – 41-46  
His threat to kill Jacob is taken seriously

#### **V. Jacob Leaves Home – 28:1-22**

1. Isaac sends him away with a blessing – 1-5  
Go to your mother's family to find a wife – 1, 2  
Blessing of Abraham now upon Jacob – 3-5
2. Esau marries again to please parents - 6-9  
He marries a descendent of Ishmael
3. Jacob encounters God on journey – 10-22  
In a dream heaven is opened to him – 10-12  
Lord makes a commitment to Jacob – 13-15  
Jacob realizes the presence of the Lord – 16-19  
Jacob makes a commitment to God – 20-22