

Old Testament Men and Women of Faith
“Isaac and the Birth of Jacob and Esau”

1. Genesis 25:
 - Prior to his death, Abraham remarried - Keturah who bore him 6 more children.
 - Verse 8: “Then Abraham breathed his last and died at a good old age, an old man and full of years; and he was gathered to his people. His sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah near Mamre, in the field of Ephron son of Zohar the Hittite, the field Abraham had bought from the Hittites. There Abraham was buried with his wife Sarah.”
 - Ishmael drops from the scene.
 - The birth of Jacob and Esau.
 - Verse 28: “Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.”
 - The selling of the birthright for a bowl of soup...

2. Genesis 26:34-35: “When Esau was forty years old, he married Judith daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and also Basemath daughter of Elon the Hittite. They were a source of grief to Isaac and Rebekah.”

3. Genesis 27:
 - The deceit of Rebekah – Jacob receives the blessing of his father Isaac and Esau becomes bitter and threatens to kill Jacob
 - Jacob flees from his brother to his Uncle Laban (brother of Rebekah).
 - Jacob at Bethel: The ladder to heaven.
 - The covenant renewed: Verses 13-15: “There above it stood the LORD, and he said: “I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

Next time: Jacob and Laban