Compass Life Adult Sunday School

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**“The Greatest Stories Ever Told-Part 1: Episode 2”**

**I. “Bad Parenting”** **(Isaac & Rebecca: Genesis 25-27)**

Setting Negeb, Beer-lahai-roi, Gerar, Beersheba

Characters God, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, and Esau

Problem(s) Setting an ungodly example for children

Options Trust God to fulfill his promise or take matters into your own hands

Resolution Took matters into their own hands.

3 Important Ideas

* The playing of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ caused a divided house and exacerbated the conflict between Jacob and Esau
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of both Isaac and Rebekah were learned by their children.
* Both Isaac and Rebekah made bad decisions, even though they knew God’s will for their children.

2 Things for Today

* Parents need to be **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in the raising of their children to mitigate division in the family.
* Lies and deception are ungodly and will lead to the same behavior in your children.

**II. “Nowhere to Run” (Jacob: Genesis 28-32)**

Setting Beersheba, Haran

Characters God, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, Laban, Rachel, Leah, Esau

Problem How will the younger son get the birthright.

Options Take it or wait for it.

Resolution Jacob makes a series of bad decisions trying to do the right thing, but God finally humbles him.

3 Important Ideas

* Jacob is not willing to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** his life to the will of God and instead runs to do it himself.
* Jacob’s bad decisions cause harm and anguish which he tries to run from.
* Jacob did wrong things and made bad decisions for what seemed the right reason.

2 Things for Today

* Your bad decisions will catch up with you, stop running and own up to them.
* God has something he is trying to accomplish, we need to be **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and follow his plan.

**III. “Trusting God When Things are Bad” (Joseph: Genesis 37-50)**

Setting Canaan, Egypt

Characters God, Joseph, Joseph’s brothers, Pharaoh

Problem What do we do when bad things happen to us

(How will God continue his promise to Abraham, Isaac & Jacob)

Options Give up or trust in God

Resolution Joseph persevered, trusting in God to make things right

3 Important Ideas

* Joseph faced some really bad situations in his life, but he didn’t **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**and he trusted God.
* We see in Joseph a foreshadowing of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Favored son, hated by brothers, unjustly suffered, but came to glory and was the savior of those who rejected him.
* Joseph’s brothers made some evil choices, but God wasn’t thwarted, he used those bad choices for good in preserving the line of Abraham and ultimately **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, whose line Messiah would come.

2 Things for Today

* When bad things happen in your life, you need to trust God…even when you don’t know why.
* Even when you make bad decisions, God can use them to bring things right.

**IV. “God Provides the Spiritual Standards for Life”  (Mosaic Covenant: Exodus 19-24)**

Setting Egypt, Sinai

Characters God, Moses, Pharaoh, Israelites

Problem Israelites had no standard for how to please God.

Options Do your own thing or guess how God wanted you to behave

Resolution God provides a set of standards to follow.

3 Important Ideas

* God sets apart his promised people from the world as a special “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” with God as their head.
* The written covenant law expressed God’s requirements of Israel in a concise form on how to relate to God and to others.
* God’s covenant was preceded by a divine act of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

2 Things for Today

* God has provided a spiritual standard for us in his Word for how Christians should live.
* Our New Covenant was preceded by a divine act of love and grace through the person and work of Jesus.

**V. “Living in Disobedience” (Wilderness Wanderings: Numbers 10-)**

Setting Sinai, Moab

Characters God, Moses, Israelites

Problem How are we to take hold of the promised land amidst the obstacles?

Options Trust God or go back to Egypt.

Resolution Israelites chose to disobey God.

3 Important Ideas

* The people did not trust God and his promise, even **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** by his continued provision.
* The unbelief of the people was punished by God in light of his clear promise and instruction.
* God doesn’t utterly destroy his people, but delays his promise for a new generation.

2 Things for Today

* Trust in God looks ahead with courage to his promises and boldly takes hold of them.
* God will punish people for their **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

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