



## Jacob and Esau (part 1) Genesis 25:19-28

### The Facts:

Fraternal twins born of Isaac and Rebekah  
Struggle between them started before birth  
Rebekah asked the Lord for an explanation of the struggle

Both will father a nation  
One will be stronger than the other  
The older will serve the younger

### Named

Esau – because he was red  
Jacob - grabbed the heel, “trickster” or “supplanter”

### Characteristics

Esau – outdoorsman  
Jacob – dweller in tents

### The Problems

How could the older serve the younger?  
How could God choose one above the other?

## Lessons for Us

### Know that God works according to His will

He can use the least likely, least popular, most misunderstood

*(Think – Saul & David, Think John the Baptist, Think Jesus of Nazareth)*

We don't have to fully understand His will to know His will

### Accept the will of God

For self

- accept your assets and liabilities
- accept your place in family, society & church

For others

- accept that God can use others who are different than you

For life

- accept that God can work in different ways for different people

Before God

- Find peace in God's perfect character
- Cooperate with God's will for you
- Don't pretend to be the sole authority on God's will