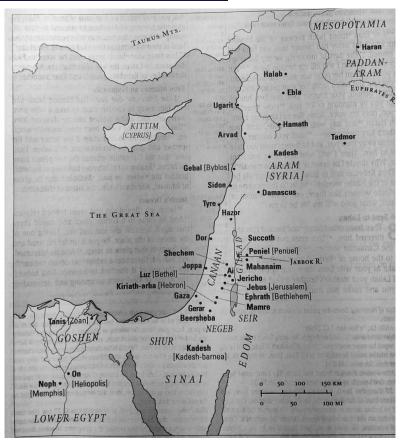


JACOB

June 22nd
Genesis 25-35



SET-UP

- How old was Isaac & Abraham at the birth of Jacob & Esau?
- What would be the benefit/limitations of Abraham and Sarah's presence over these years?
- How have your grandparents (or older generations of people in your life) benefitted your life?

LIFE

Read Genesis 25: 22-28

- How is the relationship between Jacob and Esau presented?
- What is the significance of Jacob holding Esau's heel?

Read Genesis 25: 29-34 & Deuteronomy 21:17 & Hebrews 12:16-17

- What was Jacob after?
- What was Fsau's error?
- Ever been that hungry? Reflect on dramatic times in life when you've made rash decisions that had lasting implications

Read Genesis 27: 27-29 & 27: 39-40

- Compare the two blessings from Isaac
- Reflect on Rebekah's involvement

Read Genesis 29: 15-30

- Be honest, how does this story make you feel reflecting on:
 - Leah? Rachel? Jacob?

Read Genesis 29:31 - 30:24

- Chart who gave birth to whom.

Read Genesis 34 (or 34: 1-5, 8, 13-17, 25-26, 30-31)

- What would be just in this situation?
- How did the sons use circumcision in this story?

Read Genesis 32:28 & 35:10

- What does the name Jacob mean?
- What does the name Israel mean?
- How does he have both names? Do you? Think "sinner & saint".

Next week: Feast of Saint Peter & Saint Paul

Read the Book of Acts to prepare and wear red! It's a Feast day!