

1. Share how you've seen God at work in this previous week (perhaps in answer to prayer requests), or other ways you've seen his goodness.
2. What insight, principle, or observation from the message did you find most helpful, most challenging, or most troubling? Please explain.
3. Does anyone have any sibling memories that may have been a "heel pulling" moment/reflect the rivalry between Jacob and Esau?
4. On Sunday, we saw Esau's story used in the NT as an example of lust destroying someone. Carefully read Hebrews 12:12-17
 - a. What does it mean that Esau "found no chance to repent" even though he was looking for it with tears?
 - Do you think the author is pointing towards "inward" refusal to repent in Esau's heart, or instead not having a chance to undo the "outward" consequence of his actions? Why?
 - How would each of these 2 options show/warn us about the end of lust?
 - b. Consider our inheritance as believers. Can unchecked lust cause a Christian today to forfeit their inheritance? Consider Matthew 5:27-30, Matthew 6:1-4, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 1 Corinthians 10:8-13
 - When we let lust control us, what are we forfeiting? What is the very least that we lose?
 - How does what we've been learning about God's sovereignty & man's freedom bring light to this? What passages might you bring into this discussion for balance & clarity?
 - c. What is our role in one another's lives as we all combat various lusts? How may God use us for His sovereign purpose for our brothers & sisters?
5. Do you plan to apply the fasting challenge from Sunday? How could fasting become a solid part of your prayer life together or as a group?
6. Pray together, asking for God's help to fight the good fight & attain our inheritance by His grace & mercy.

next week: Genesis 26