

Youth



✔ Prepare in Advance

- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.
- Retrieve, review, and have ready the videos listed below (links are provided on this session's webpage).

✔ Siblings

Use these questions to facilitate discussion.

- If you have any brothers or sisters, what is the one thing they do that drives you crazy?
- How would you describe that relationship?
Play the "Cosby Show" clip.
- Does this clip remind you of your relationship with your siblings? How so?
- Do you think Rudy or Vanessa was wrong in this situation? Why? Do you think Cliff handled it ok? Do you think your parents treat you and your siblings fairly? Why or why not?
- Do you think either of your parents play favorites? Why?

✔ Decisions

Read Genesis 25:19-34.

- How would you describe the relationship between Jacob and Esau? Why do you think Esau would be willing to give his birthright for a cup of stew? Would you have made the same decision? Why or why not?
Watch the *Bible Background Video* for this session.
- Why do we desire immediate fulfillment over long-term blessings? Can you give any examples where teenagers compromise their long-term blessings for an immediate pleasure?

✔ Control

- How did Esau's decision help him to maintain control over the situation? What did that control cost him?
Play the "Field of Dreams" clip.
- What was the decision Ray had to make? What was going to happen to him if he didn't sign the papers? What do you think would be the safest decision for Ray to make? Why? Which decision would give him the most control over the outcome? Why?
- How would you compare Esau's situation and decision to Ray's in this clip?
- Are you someone who has to be in control over everything in your life? Why or why not?
- If you are in control, it means God is not. What are some areas where teenagers try to maintain control rather than relinquish that control to God?
- How does our desire for control get in the way of God's blessings?

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