



Grace Assembly Of God

## Chapter-By-Chapter Bible Reading Devotional

Scripture:	<b>Genesis 27</b>	Title:	<b>"Methods Do Matter"</b>
Author:	<b>Ps John Lin</b>		
Summary of Chapter:	Rebekah and Jacob deceive Isaac into blessing Jacob with the inheritance blessing over Esau.		
<b>Key Verses</b>	<b>How does it speak to me?</b>		
<p><i>43 Now then, my son, do what I say: Flee at once to my brother Laban in Harran.</i></p> <p><i>44 Stay with him for a while until your brother's fury subsides.</i></p>	<p>This chapter is honestly one of the more dramatic and sad ones in the book of Genesis. It tells us how messed up the family of Isaac is. There is division, anger, hatred and many more that have surfaced from this chapter alone. The main issue that this family faced and all of us too as well is <b>autonomy</b>. The need to be in control of our own lives. To do things our way.</p> <p>We were baking a cake and I remember commenting, "Why can't we just throw everything into the mixing bowl and just mix it all up and put it into the oven?". My wife corrected me that we needed to follow the recipe step by step in order to get this Vanilla Cake to work. We can either throw all the ingredients into the oven without following the recipe step by step and it'll probably still be considered a cake, maybe just a messy or burnt one. Or we can follow the process and get a nicely baked, warm vanilla cake that not only looks good but tastes great.</p> <p>Just because a method works, doesn't mean it is God's way. The methods we use matter. The more we want to be in control of our lives we will somehow lose it. Why? Because we are not meant to be in control. We are meant to rely, trust and abide in Jesus who is the one that is in control. Our need to be in control oftentimes gets in the way of way of His plan for our lives. Why don't we allow God to use His methods for the plan He has for our lives?</p>		
<b>APPLICATION QUESTIONS:</b>			
<b>Adult:</b>	Do you find it difficult to trust in God's methods? Why? What would it mean for you to trust in God's methods for your life (work/family/finances/ministry)?		
<b>Youth:</b>	What is one area in your life that you find it difficult to release control over? What are some practical steps you can take to entrust it to God?		
<b>Child:</b>	Try solving this puzzle as a family, <a href="http://puzzles.nigelcoldwell.co.uk/fiftysix.htm">http://puzzles.nigelcoldwell.co.uk/fiftysix.htm</a> . Method does matter. Pray today that we will always follow God's ways for our lives.		
<b>PRAYER:</b>			
<b>Praying Scripture:</b>	Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you that you are a gracious loving Father who is so good to us. You not only saved us but You gave us Your Spirit who is living in us to lead and guide us in our everyday lives. So Father, help us to walk in the Spirit each day and not gratify the desires of our flesh, of our human nature that always want to be in control. Help us to trust in Your Word that never fails.		
<b>Thanksgiving Prayer:</b>	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food they ate, places they went, prayer that is answered, etc)		
<b>Intercessory Prayer:</b>	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)		
<b>Salvation Prayer:</b>	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (can add one name per day). In Jesus Name I pray. Amen.		

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