

Life Group Questions

THE LIFE OF JACOB

Part 1: Living with Confidence

Connect

Share a time when you had to do something you didn't think you could do.

Engage

1. **SUFFERING:** Read Genesis 25:24-28. Compare Jacob and Esau. How are they alike and different? Rate Jacob's sense of authority and his sense of vulnerability (from low to high). How does this impact his confidence level? Identify a time when you were in a situation like Jacob.
2. **EXPLOITING:** Read Genesis 27:1-19. What is Jacob's reaction after hearing his mother's plan and why? In this passage, Rebekah demonstrates a high sense of authority and low vulnerability. How would you characterize her resulting actions?
3. **WITHDRAWING:** Read Genesis 27:41-45. What's the impact of Rebekah and Jacob's actions? Describe how Jacob might have felt by running away. When have you experienced similar feelings?
4. **FLOURISHING:** Read Genesis 28:10-15. The relationship being offered by God to Jacob is one giving Jacob a high level of authority along with high vulnerability. What's the source of Jacob's authority? Why would he also have a high level of vulnerability? How have you experience this in your life?

Apply

1. Who or what is your primary source of confidence?
2. What action do you need to take this week to respond to what God's teaching you through this study?