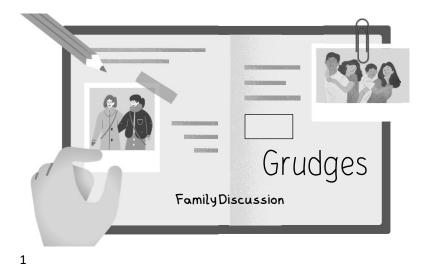
Jacob and Esau: Family Rivalry 11/3/2024



Jacoblooked up and there was Esau, coming with his four hundred men; ... He himself went on ahead and bowed down to the ground seven times as he approached his brother. But Esauran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept.

Genesis 33:1a, 3, 4 (NIV)

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Discuss

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- •How did Esau respond to Jacob?
- •Jacob saw his brother coming with 400 men. Suppose that he approached his brother's group with a weapon in hand ... what different response could have happened?
- •What kinds of "weapons" do we "pull out" when we approach a reconciliation? How might we try to make it a confrontation instead of a reconciliation?
- •In Jacob and Esau's culture, prostration on the ground was a sign of a humble approach. How can **we** demonstrate a humble approach to a confrontation?

Pray

- •Thank God that He has not held a grudge against us for our sinfulness. Thank Him for the availability of His forgiveness
- •Ask God to show you any grudges you might be holding against someone.
- Praythatyou will have the courage to seek reconciliation.
- Tell God you want to be able to forgive someone who may hold a grudge against you.

Family Discussion 1

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