



"The Deceiver"
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Jacob, Whose Name was Changed to Israel
...was also Jacob the Deceiver

The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- At mc3, God Moments are a chance for us to *be intentional* about noticing what God is doing in our lives—try to use your week to notice these moments to share in Pr'me. Go around your group and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past month?
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- Have someone summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point: **Genesis 27:1-41**.*
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

**someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- Have you ever been a victim of a “bait & switch” or false advertising?
- In Genesis 27, we read of Jacob’s blatant, premeditated deception of his father. Let’s look at how deception can be so deceptive to us, and compare it to a familiar story. First, read **Genesis 3:1-6**.
 - ***Deception Disregards God*** Read **1 John 4:6** (& **Gen. 3:1**)
 - John explains that we should listen to God’s Spirit, not the world. How did Satan disregard God in Gen. 3:1?
 - What has God asked you to do that you’re disregarding?
 - ***Deception Ignores Truth*** Read **2 Timothy 3:12-17** (& **Gen. 3:5**)
 - What “tool” does Paul offer Timothy, so he won’t be deceived? What must we do for this tool to help *us* sort through deception?
 - What truth did Satan ignore in Genesis 3:5?
 - ***Deception Makes Excuses*** Read **Ephesians 5:6-7** (& **Gen. 3:6a**)
 - What excuses does Eve make when looking at the forbidden fruit in Gen. 3:6? Do you think we are quick to justify sin? Why?
 - ***Deception Denies Consequences*** Read **Galatians 6:7-8** (& **Gen. 3:4**)
 - Galatians 6:7-8 is probably the biggest SELF-deception. How do we deceive ourselves in this way? What did Satan say in Gen 3:4?
- In which of the four ways above are you most likely to be deceived?
- Despite Jacob’s deception, God still used him! Read then explain these passages of what God did *after* Jacob deceived Isaac:
 - ***God Promised Jacob*** Read **Genesis 28:10-15**.
 - ***God Forgave Jacob*** Read **Genesis 32:9-12**
 - ***God Renamed Jacob*** Read **Genesis 32:24-30**
 - ***God Used Jacob*** Read **Matthew 1:1-2**
- *B-Sides* is all about God using people despite their failures, so each week we’re going to ask a similar question: How does God using Jacob despite his deception, make you feel about God in *your* life?
- Close by praying that God would help your Pr’me avoid deception.