



Discussion
Gu'de

"blessing disobedience"

01/21/24

GOD'S PURPOSES AREN'T EXCUSES FOR OUR DISOBEDIENCE

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]
- We're going to *open* by sharing God Moments about what He is doing in our lives, but save our prayer requests for the END of Pr'me. Go around and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past week? [Leaders: plan for a way to collect prayer requests at the end, then share them with your Pr'me]
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Reminder (required)

Read this section briefly to review the Point for everyone

- This Week's Point:
God's Purposes Aren't Excuses for Our Disobedience
- This Week's Object Lesson:
False Start in Sprinting ("Jumping the Gun")
- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: **Genesis 27:1-40**
Esau exclaimed, "No wonder his name is Jacob, for now he has cheated me twice. First he took my rights as the firstborn, and now he has stolen my blessing..." (v. 36a, NLT)

The Reflection (required)

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

- Do/did you participate in track/running/race sports? Tell us about it.
- To get us on the same page, an obvious question: *why* do sprinters take the risk of being disqualified by a false start/"jumping the gun"?
- Read Genesis 25:23. What did God promise here? *When* did He make this promise?
- Read Genesis 27:5-17. Considering these 2 passages, *why* do you think Rebekah & Jacob were willing to deceive Isaac & cheat Esau?
- Like Rebekah & Jacob, we may not see God doing something according to our expectations, so we try to make it happen on our own—we "jump the gun", which leads to consequences. Before we're tempted to disobey in those moments, we need to remember:
 - *God Doesn't Operate In Our Time*. Read 2 Peter 3:8-9.
 - What is Peter saying here?
 - How is this an encouragement to us as we wait for God to come through for us?
 - *God's Delay Isn't a Lack of Ability*. Read Matthew 26:50-54.
 - Why do you think [Peter] cut off the ear of the priest's servant?
 - What would have happened if Peter had *succeeded* in preventing Jesus' arrest?
 - When are you tempted to be like Peter here? When have you found yourself thinking that God *CAN'T* help you?
 - *God Deeply Cares About You*. Read Matthew 10:29-31.
 - Have you found yourself thinking that God *WON'T* help you? What leads to those thoughts?
 - What does this passage say about that thinking?
- Which of these three areas tends to be your "go-to" when God doesn't meet your expectations? What can you do about that?
- Faith is hard; how can we help you when you're tempted to "jump the gun" and disobey b/c it *seems* like God isn't coming through?