

Study Guide on Genesis 25:19-34 **New Revised Standard Version**

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Genesis 25:19-34

(Genesis 25:19) These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son:
Abraham was the father of Isaac,

(Genesis 25:20) and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah,
daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the
Aramean.

(Genesis 25:21) Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was
barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived.

(Genesis 25:22) The children struggled together within her; and she said,
"If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

(Genesis 25:23) And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than
the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

(Genesis 25:24) When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins
in her womb.

(Genesis 25:25) The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so
they named him Esau.

(Genesis 25:26) Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping
Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she
bore them.

(Genesis 25:27) When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man
of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents.

(Genesis 25:28) Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but
Rebekah loved Jacob.

(Genesis 25:29) Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished.

(Genesis 25:30) Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!” (Therefore he was called Edom.)

(Genesis 25:31) Jacob said, “First sell me your birthright.”

(Genesis 25:32) Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?”

(Genesis 25:33) Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob.

(Genesis 25:34) Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?