

# it's complicated



## Estrangement

Relationships are a gift from God that we complicate

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Even if you aren't personally on Facebook you are probably aware that it exists. In the year 2000 there were 0 people on facebook, today there are over 500 million users. One of the options for classifying your relationship with someone is: IT'S COMPLICATED. Almost ALL relationships could be classified as complicated. And yet relationships are a gift from God and the crucible in which we are formed as disciples. We are exploring the complications of relationships/families through the story of Jacob & his family in Genesis. Let God rule your relationships!

o Monday 1.31.11

o Tuesday 2.1.11

o Wednesday 2.2.11

o Thursday 2.3.11

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Genesis 27.41-28.5

Genesis 31.1-21

Genesis 31.22-42

Genesis 31.43-55

Genesis 32

Genesis 33, Philemon

*As you read each day's passage, think about/discuss/journal:*

- .What does this passage teach me about God? What does it say about myself?
- .How can I live differently, according to what I've learned from this passage?
- .One specific next step I'm going to take this week is:

# Discussion Questions

## >>READ>> Genesis 27:41-28:5

.What do you think caused Jacob and Esau's estrangement?

.Are there estranged (not strange!) relationships amongst your family and friends? What was the root cause? How does the void they left effect you? How do these relationships complicate things?

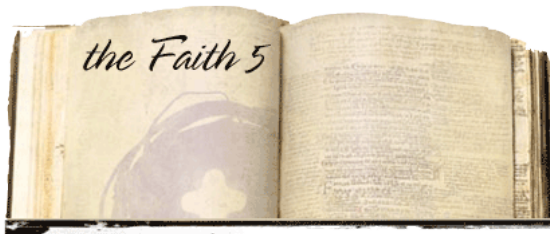
## >>READ>>Genesis 33:1-11

.How did Jacob and Esau reconcile? What brought it about? What was good about their reconciliation? What wasn't so good?

.Have you ever reconciled an estranged relationship? If so, how? If not, how would you do it?

.What holds us back from reconciliation?

.Check out the story of Philemon. How does Paul recommend Philemon and Onesimus reconcile their estranged relationship.



*Share* your highs & lows of the day  
*Read* the Scripture in the Bible  
*Talk* about how the verse  
relates to your highs & lows  
*Pray* about your  
highs & lows, family, world  
*Bless* one another

## Making disciples every night in every home!

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 33.4

Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ Proverbs 17.14

Monday \_\_\_\_\_ Acts 7.26

Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Colossians 3.13

Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ Philemon 1.15

Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 5.23-24

Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ Proverbs 18.19

**Blessing:** May you be willing to reconcile and forgive others as God forgives you.

