

Text: Genesis 25:12-34

Monroe Bible Church

Topics: God's Blessings, God's Covenant, Man's Sin

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## God Works with Messes

### I. Ishmael's Descendants (12-18)

God kept His promise to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ son  
Ishmael.

### II. Isaac's Descendants (19-26)

God kept His promise to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ son  
Isaac.

### III. Esau's Folly (27-34)

God kept His promise despite the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
in Abraham's family.

God's promise of eternal life is not dependent on \_\_\_\_\_  
but on \_\_\_\_\_.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.*

1. Can you think of an example of God bringing something good out of something you did that was wrong? Explain.

2. Read Genesis 25:12-18. What is naming Ishmael's sons showing?  
(See Gen. 16:10-11; 17:20)

Do you feel like you are on God's unapproved list for blessings because of a past sin by you or someone else? Explain.

How does this section, verses 12-18, help refute that idea? Can you think of other Scriptures that also refute that idea?

3. The accounts of Isaac and Rebekah in Genesis 25:19-26 show some contrasts and comparisons between them and Abraham and Sarah. Which do you see?

What can you learn about walking with God from their examples?

4. Read Genesis 25:27-34. What differences do you see between Esau and Isaac? Are the differences good, bad, or neither?

Have you seen or experienced differences between people highlighted in ways that hurt others? Explain.

Can God be working out His purposes through the wrongs of people? Explain.

5. What one thing can you do to better reflect knowledge that God can still work through the brokenness sin has caused?

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