

**READ THROUGH THE BIBLE SCHEDULE FOR 4/23/12 TO 4/29/12**

**MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2012 Read Genesis 23:1 to 24:67**

As Abraham's life here on earth wound to a close, he bought a cave and the surrounding field. Here he buried Sarah. It was the only land Abraham ever owned in Canaan. One final issue burned in Abraham's heart- finding a godly wife for Isaac. Genesis 24 tells how God continued to act through human beings to fulfill His promise to send the Savior through Abraham's descendants.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012 Read Genesis 25:1 to 26:35**

Abraham had learned what it meant to live by faith, and that's the way he died too (Genesis 25). It was lesson that Isaac, like Abraham before him, would learn the hard way. Genesis 26 records the Lord's final appearance to Isaac. God assures him that the covenant promise belonged to him, just as it had belonged to his father, Abraham. Despite God's grace, the events that then unfold prove the adage "The apple seldom falls far from the tree."

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2012 Read Genesis 27:1 to 28:22**

We got our first glimpse of Isaac's sons, Jacob and Esau, back in Genesis 25. There, they posed for a not-so-pious portrait. Now we meet up with them again and find Jacob fully living up to his name- "the deceitful one." Rebekah joins Jacob in his scheming (Genesis 27). Esau resents their plot so much, he threatens to murder Jacob. And so, in Genesis 28, we watch as Jacob starts out on a five-hundred-mile journey to seek refuge with his uncle, Rebekah's brother, in Paddan Aram- where Abraham once lived.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2012 Read Genesis 29:1 to 30:45**

After receiving a warm welcome, Jacob makes himself useful around Uncle Laban's flocks and herds. Jacob falls in love with Laban's daughter Rachel. Tricked by Laban, Jacob ends up marrying both Rachel and her sister, Leah. Not only does God bless Jacob with eleven sons and one daughter, but Jacob also finds himself exceedingly prosperous in livestock and servants.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2012 Read Genesis 31:1 to 33:40**

Concerned about the growing jealousy of Laban and warned by God of the dangers. Jacob takes his family and flees. The holy angels, sent by God Himself, guard the way back to Canaan, back to Jacob's house and family. For twenty years, the Lord has been teaching Jacob what it means to live by faith. In Esau's peaceful greeting, we see evidence that God has been at work in his heart as well.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2012 Read Genesis 34:1 to 35:29**

When two of Jacob's older sons, Simeon and Levi, learn that their sister has been raped, they set up a scheme to get even. After they carry it out, Jacob doesn't so much as even rebuke them- for murder! Instead, he worries about his personal safety. At God's command, Jacob then moves his household to Bethel and worships there. In grace, God repeats his covenant promises, and as a sign of that covenant He changes Jacob's name.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2012 Come to church to celebrate our 8th graders confirmations and then catch up any readings from the week.**