

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ

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...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free. Jn.8:32

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

20:09:15

Theme: JACOB, S DEPARTURE FROM HOME

Memory Verse: *Genesis 28:1 “And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.”*

Texts: Genesis 28:1-9, Ruth 1:1-6

The charge consisted of a prohibition and a direct instruction. He was prohibited from marrying a Canaanites woman, but was directed to the ancestral home of Rebecca to choose a wife. Thereafter, Isaac blessed Jacob again and sent him away. Jacob left home, and for once, was free from the influence of his scheming mother. That was also a release for Jacob to face life and decide for himself what God want him to do. No wonder he prevailed over the angel of God, without the help of his mother Rebecca the influencer.

Esau took note of the voluntary blessing and charge given to Jacob by Isaac. In an attempt to appease his father over his troublesome and ungodly marriage to Canaanites woman, he married a daughter of Ishmael. Often times, men apply carnal solutions to deep spiritual problems. Esau’s problem was deeper than he realized. He sought to apply a skin-deep remedy. Rather than help matters, it worsened them.

Esau’s polygamous home was unacceptable to his parents. In marrying the daughter of Ishmael, Esau tried to buy the favour of his parents but he failed to look up to God, whose favour he needed most. Believers need to take definite Bible-based steps to solve spiritual problems instead of doing things that appease only the conscience. Esau’s problem was not solved but rather made worse. What a lesson to all?