

# GENESIS II

## THE NEXT CHAPTERS OF GOD'S RELENTLESS PLAN

### Part 7: Brothers, Blessing and Bowing

June 23 & 24, 2017

Lem Usita, Next Generation Pastor

**Two Weeks Ago:** The Quintessential Messed Up Family

**Last Week:** Family Patterns

**This Week:** Changing Your Family Patterns

**Genesis 27: The story of two brothers**, each with strengths and weaknesses

Esau is passionate and a go getter

Jacob is controlled and thoughtful

**The Blessing** (*Genesis 27:1-29*)

During this time, blessing was much more than “well-wishing”

It was a form of prophecy — a statement of what will happen to the children

It was the fulfillment of God's promise

Blessings can be ruined by family patterns

**The Brothers** (*Genesis 27:30-41*)

Not only were Jacob and Esau brothers, they were twins.

There really wasn't anything identical about them.

Both brothers reaped what they sowed; they both received the consequences of their actions.

The family pattern will reap what it sows

**The Bow** (*Genesis 33*)

Bowing ends the negative cycle of a family pattern.

## **What does it take to end family patterns?**

Prayer

Humility

A Gift

### **Next Step**

#### **Summer Class: Why Christians Stay Stuck**

**6 Tuesday Evenings starting July 10 • 6:30–8:00 PM**

All of us, at one time or another, experience frustration in our walk with God. It could be disappointment with yourself from lack of discipline, disappointment with God due to unanswered prayer, or no evidence of the abundant life he promises. Maybe you've lost a sense of hope, joy, or meaning, or maybe you're confused because of the pain you've experienced in life. For all those reasons and more, Christians get stuck. If you're struggling to get past any fear, pain, loss or confusion, come discover how to get unstuck. Taught by Karolyn Merriman

***Register today at the Connection Point or online at [ctk.church](http://ctk.church).***

### **Small Group Questions**

- 1) Now that it's officially summer, is there something you're looking forward to in this season?
- 2) What promises has God fulfilled in your life? How have you seen God bless you?
- 3) Is there an Esau in your life (a hunter, impetuous, violent, rough, passionate, impulsive)? What about a Jacob (thoughtful, intentional, kind, a little fearful, a mama's boy)? Are you more like Esau or Jacob?
- 4) Is there a pattern in your family that you wish could be changed? For yourself only, what is most needed: prayer, humility, or reaching out with some kind of gift?
- 5) Is there someone you need to humbly bow to in order to reconcile a hurt in the past?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?