

Playing Favorites

Genesis 27-28:9

Sermon Discussion Questions

April 3, 2022

1. Could you share your family's happiest and unhappiest moments with your friends? After listening to others, could you tell each other about your feelings as you listened to these emotional stories?
2. Have you had any moment that you tried to fight God in your life? Could you let your colleagues know the outcome of your fight with God?
3. Genesis 27 tells the story of Isaac's family each trying to get their own way. What are ways you try to get your own way despite knowing God's plan and His standards for your life?

How can you be reminded to trust God over your own plans?

4. Do you have dysfunction and hurt in your family because of favoritism? Have you been hurt by favoritism? Have you hurt others by your favoritism?

How can Calvary Church help you deal with the dysfunction and devastation that has come out of favoritism?

5. Has someone at Calvary Church hurt you through some sort of "ism"? (Racism, sexism, ageism, ableism, etc...) If so please remember the Matthew 18 instructions on dealing with such situations:

Matthew 18:15-17 "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

Calvary Church is here to help you in the reconciling journey. Please don't hesitate to speak with your leaders, including the elders of the church, regarding the hurt that you may have experienced.