

Creating A New Community
"God Is With Us"
 Genesis 24-50

The real hero of the Old Testament is God.

I. God is with Isaac

Abraham does not want Isaac to marry a **Canaanite** woman.

Abraham's concern is that Isaac will be tempted into **idolatry**.

Abraham sends Eliezer and the first thing he does is **pray**.
 (24:12)

Our God, the God of the Bible, is both

- **transcendent** and
- **immanent**

II. God is with Jacob

Jacob is a **con-artist**

Rebekah teaches him how to be Jacob **the deceiver**

Jacob names the place of his vision Beth - **house** el - **elohim**

Bethel was the beginning of Jacob's **transformation**

- the deceiver is **deceived**
- he goes to character school for over **14 years**
- he decides to go back and be **reconciled** with his brother
- his name becomes **Israel** which means 'one who struggles with God'

III. God is with Joseph

Joseph was a pretty **spoiled** kid

Joseph has two **dreams**

In Egypt, he ends up in **prison**

- he learns to notice and care for other **prisoners**
- where his **exaltation** begins

God raises up Joseph to save **whole populations** in Egypt

The challenge for this week: go on a **God hunt**

READING PLAN:

Complete Track

Monday - Exodus 1-3; Psalm 13-14
 Tuesday - Exodus 4-6
 Wednesday - Exodus 5-9; Psalm 15
 Thursday - Exodus 10-12
 Friday - Exodus 13-14; Psalm 16
 Weekend - Exodus 15-20; Psalm 17

Fast Track

1st Reading - Genesis 24-25; 28; Psalm 16
 2nd Reading - Genesis 29; 32-33; Psalm 22
 3rd Reading - Genesis 37; 39; 41; Psalm 73