



SESSION 9

ONE CONVERSATION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have one spiritual conversation. You can pick and choose, use them all or just allow the statement to be your guide. The emphasis shouldn't be about having all the answers, but simply having a conversation.

Scripture

Genesis 25:19-26; 26:1-6

1. Opening Statement

Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:

God promises to be faithful to His people even when they show themselves to be unworthy of His love.

This main point is the biblical truth the student's study was built around. Each week there will be one statement that ties the whole study together. These would be great statements to remember together. The hope is that thoughts and ideas will stem from these statements. You can also begin by sharing a thought of your own that you learned during your study of the same session. Ask what thoughts were surprising as the study was taught.

2. Thought From the Study

The horrible circumstances (starvation) and the unworthy characters that Isaac and his sons turn out to be make us wonder if God will truly keep the promise He has made. Can human disobedience or natural disasters keep Him from being true to His word? The promises of land, offspring, and blessing were once again in jeopardy, but God took this opportunity to restate the promises to Isaac. God told Isaac to remain in the land of Gerar as a foreigner, and He promised to be with Isaac and to bless him. Then He promised to give this land—even the territory of the Gentiles—to Isaac and his offspring. He again promised offspring for Isaac as numerous as the stars, and He foretold that Isaac's offspring would bless all the nations of the earth. Why did He do this? God restated these promises because Isaac's father, Abraham, obeyed His commands.

- **What are some ways you have seen God keep His promises in your life or in the life of someone you know?**
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3. Quote for Discussion

Discuss this quote together. How does this change your understanding of a relationship with Jesus?

"The supreme blessing in Isaac's life was not material possessions, but the Lord Himself. 'I am with you,' God said to Isaac." —Willem VanGemeren, *Gospel Transformation Bible*

4. Conversation Questions

Use these questions to begin thinking through and applying the lessons to your family life:

1. Why is it important for our family to understand that God keeps His promises?
2. What are some promises we've seen God keep to our family?
3. How can our family stand on the promises of God we see in Genesis? How does this help us grow in love and obedience to Him?
4. How does knowing that God can use our family to accomplish His plan motivate us to share the gospel?