

SPIRITUAL TASK – JACOB AND ESAU (Genesis 25)

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Story The Word (Bible) has a deeper meaning that is about how we are on the inside. It is a parable—an earthly story with a heavenly meaning within it about the human mind. Even though it is a story of many people and their lives it is only about one person—the one hearing the story. Once we understand this, the Word (Bible) becomes an extraordinary tool for self-discovery.

Meaning The story of Esau and Jacob is a good example of this truth. Good is the end or what is most important (Esau as firstborn) but in time we have to make learning the truth and shaping our thinking and actions by means of it the priority (Jacob the second born supplanting Esau). If we do this in time there will be a shift within us from no longer doing things because we know we should but because we want to in our heart (reunion of Esau & Jacob and Jacob submitting to Esau).

Task This week read a chapter of the Word each day. Begin by saying the following little prayer: “Lord, I know that what I am about to read is about me and how my mind (my inner self) operates. Please show me how this applies to my life, and give me the strength to bring the truth You are about to show me now into my life today.”