

Family Matters

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Genesis 25, 26, 27, 28

Families today come in all shapes and sizes: big, little, rich, poor, close, distant, nuclear, extended, dual parent, single parent, step families... the descriptions seem endless. A word used to describe many families today is *dysfunctional*. While families can be the source of great joy, families can also bring sorrow. Why does family have so much power over our lives? Because ***family matters***.

It may be oddly comforting to some to note that while there is much to commend, there are aspects of the families of the patriarchs that might be termed dysfunctional. Perhaps it would be better for us to learn from some of their failures. With Isaac and Rebekah, we can note ***three failures we should seek to avoid...***

❖ A failure to _____

❖ A failure to _____ freely and
_____ God

❖ A failure to communicate _____ of

Yes, family matters. It matters to us. It matters to God. The good news is that he wants to share so much of his will through families. The great news is that he can work even through our imperfections. Let us strive to make family a source of joy for all. Let us be grateful for the mercy and grace God gives to us.