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Jacob Meets Esau

1 Jacob looked up and there was Esau, coming with his four hundred men; so he divided the children among Leah, Rachel and the two female servants. 2 He put the female servants and their children in front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph in the rear.

Genesis 33: 1-16 New International Version 3 He himself went on ahead and bowed down to the ground seven times as he approached his brother.

4 But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept.

Genesis 33: 1-16 New International Version 5 Then Esau looked up and saw the women and children. "Who are these with you?" he asked.

Jacob answered, "They are the children God has graciously given your servant."

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6 Then the female servants and their children approached and bowed down. 7 Next, Leah and her children came and bowed down. Last of all came Joseph and Rachel, and they too bowed down.

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8 Esau asked, "What's the meaning of all these flocks and herds I met?"

"To find favor in your eyes, my lord," he said.

9 But Esau said, "I already have plenty, my brother. Keep what you have for yourself."

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10 "No, please!" said Jacob. "If I have found favor in your eyes, accept this gift from me. For to see your face is like seeing the face of God, now that you have received me favorably. 11 Please accept the present that was brought to you, for God has been gracious to me and I have all I need." And because Jacob insisted, Esau accepted it.

Genesis 33: 1-16 New International Version 12 Then Esau said, "Let us be on our way; I'll accompany you."

13 But Jacob said to him, "My lord knows that the children are tender and that I must care for the ewes and cows that are nursing their young. If they are driven hard just one day, all the animals will die.

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14 So let my lord go on ahead of his servant, while I move along slowly at the pace of the flocks and herds before me and the pace of the children, until I come to my lord in Seir." Genesis 33: 1-16 New International Version 15 Esau said, "Then let me leave some of my men with you."

"But why do that?" Jacob asked. "Just let me find favor in the eyes of my lord."

16 So that day Esau started on his way back to Seir.

Take-Home Principle

I will demonstrate my love and obedience to God by seeking reconciliation and making amends with those I have hurt.



Question 1 What did Jacob do when he saw his estranged brother Esau coming to meet him with his army

of 400 men? (vv. 1-3)

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Ouestion 2 How did Esau respond to his brother's gesture? (v. 4)

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Question 3 Why did Jacob offer flocks and herds to Esau? (vv. 8, 10)

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What was Esau's reaction to Jacob's offerings to him? (vv. 9, 11)

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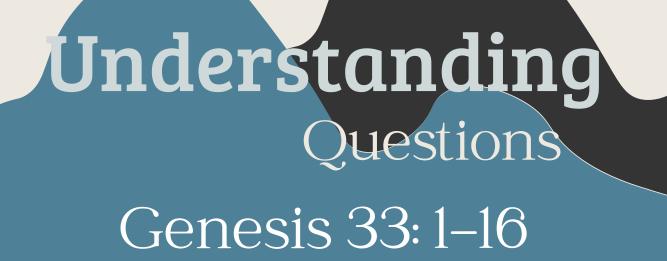
What was the significance of this encounter between Jacob and Esau? What is the back story between Jacob and Esau prior to this encounter?

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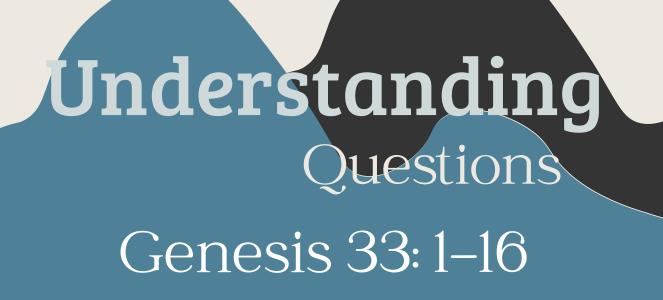
What life events might have prepared Jacob for his meeting with his brother again after so many years?







Why do you think Esau's reaction was positive and warm towards Jacob instead of hostile and unforgiving? They were estranged primarily because of Jacob's deception that caused Esau's forfeiture of his birthright.







Application

We can not live holy lives if we do not obey God's command to love Him and to love others as we love ourselves.







Loving God entails surrendering everything to Him so that His will may be done in our lives. Like Jacob, is there anything that you need to surrender to the Lord so that His will for your life will be reconciled with yours?

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Seeking reconciliation with those we have hurt is one way of loving others. Like Jacob, have you done any person wrong? Ask God to give you the grace to seek that person's forgiveness and be reconciled to them.

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Esau showed complete forgiveness to his brother Jacob, who stole his birthright from him. Is there any person you need to forgive, and be reconciled with? Ask God to help you do that, and get to work at it.

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