

Favoritism in the Family
Genesis 25:24-28 & 27:5-12

There is something seriously wrong when favoritism exists in a _____ and especially in _____. A clear example is seen in the family of Isaac and Rebekah.

Rebekah gave birth to twins when she was 60. Esau was born first with Jacob clinging to his heel. Jacob favored _____ while Rebekah favored _____. With the help of Rebekah, Jacob tricked Isaac into giving him the father's blessing due Esau. The favoritism of Isaac and Rebekah led to lasting _____ and _____.

The Bible is filled with stories of the tragic outcome of _____ favoritism. In each case, the consequences of partiality or favoritism had devastating consequences for the _____ and for the _____ of _____.

If you are showing favoritism in your family, please recognize it, _____ of it, and _____ it. In a family, all people need to be equally _____ and treated as equally _____ in their parents' eyes.

In each Biblical family, God was able to _____ the disastrous results of the favoritism shown. God can redeem the _____ of your experience of favoritism, too.

Unfortunately, believers in the _____ can be guilty of showing favoritism. James warned of this in **James 2:1** – “My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism.” Favoritism is when you don't think, behave, or choose what is _____ and _____-_____ because you _____ some people more highly than others.

Favoritism is sin because it is antithetical to the _____ of God and the _____ of Christ. Jesus worked to make up for the sinful favoritism of the culture and of the Jewish leaders of that day. His actions made unambiguous the clear gospel message: _____ who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved!

_____ called upon the name of the Lord who _____
_____ who comes to Him for salvation?