

Victory Connect Lesson
Jesus, Jacob and the Need of Every Human Heart
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Key Passage: Mar 12:31 KJV - And the second [is] like, [namely] this, **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.** There is none other commandment greater than these.

Introduction: How we love ourselves is how we will love others. If we have a bad relationship with ourselves, we will have bad relationships with others. Hurt people hurt others. Jesus knows us fully and loves us fully.

1. Our love for one another is a witness to the world.
Jhn 13:35 KJV - By this shall all [men] know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

2. Jacob and Esau were rivals before they were born.
Gen 25:23 KJV - And the LORD said unto her, Two nations [are] in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and [the one] people shall be stronger than [the other] people; and **the elder shall serve the younger.**

3. From birth, Jacob grasped for that which was not his.
Gen 25:26 KJV - And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob...

4. Rebekah encouraged Jacob to deceive his father. (Result: She never saw Jacob again.) Gen 27:15 KJV - And Rebekah took goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which [were] with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son:

5. God won't bless who you pretend to be.
Rom 5:8 KJV - But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

6. God blessed Jacob and gave him a new name when he admitted who he was. Gen 32:27,28 KJV - And he said unto him, **What [is] thy name? And he said, Jacob.** :28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever tried or wanted to be "someone else?"
2. When did you learn to love yourself as yourself?
3. What is your most valuable possession?

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