

# **Group Study Guide**

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### PRAY

- Father, may we be shaped more by Your promises than other's expectations.
- Help us to cling to You in every circumstance life throws our way.
- Allow us to live continually in Your presence and respond in faith to everything we encounter.

## READ Genesis 12:1-3; 25:19-25; 32:22-32

- What did God promise Abram? (Gen. 12:1-3)
- Describe the relationship between Jacob & Esau. (Gen. 25:19-34)
- Why is Jacob's name changed to Israel? (Gen. 32:22-32)

### DISCUSS

- How was Joseph's life shaped by his family's legacy?
- Describe the dysfunction in Joseph's family.
- How have you had to navigate family dysfunction in your life?
- Are you shaped more by your earthly family or God's promises?
- Does living in the presence of God matter more than living in the presence of others?

## **NEXT STEPS**

- Evaluate who has the most voice and influence in your life.
- Which of God's promises from Scripture drive your life?
- Do you allow people to have more influence over your life than God?
  o If so, who?
- What life circumstances are distracting you from living in the presence of God?