

**Isaac lessons –**

**He dealt with his older brother Ishmael at a young age, how do you deal with siblings?**

**after Abe took Isaac as a sacrifice, Isaac was not mentioned with Abraham again**

**Isaac and Ishmael joined up at their fathers funeral.**

**death of sarah- gen 23 -Isaac was 27 yrs old when his mom died but he was not mentioned, may not have been there.**

**death of Abraham – gen 25 rebekah comforted isaac**

**Lesson no. 1: Let God choose a mate for you**

**He was 40 years old when he married Rebekah**

**Isaac lied to Abimelek about his wife, said he was her brother.**

**Philistines were jealous of Isaac's success and stopped up his wells.**

**People sought him out to make a treaty with him because of his success.**

**Gen 24 –**

**Gen 26:34 – esau married a Hittite at 40 years old and was**

**34When Esau was forty years old, he married Judith daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and also Basemath daughter of Elon the Hittite. 35They were a source of grief to Isaac and Rebekah.**

**Gen 27 – he told esau to go hunt for a meal. He prepared to bless esau.**

**Lessons no. 2: Never play favoritism**

Just like his mother, Isaac's wife is barren. However, Isaac and Rebekah did not put the matter on their hand. They have waited on the Lord for about 20 years. Isaac fervently pleaded to God and "the LORD granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived" (Genesis 25). Isaac did have a son, not just one, but two. He had twin children, namely Esau and Jacob.

The problem quickly becomes evident. "Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob" (Genesis 25:28). The game of favoritism played by Isaac and Rebekah will soon show its ugly head. Instead of being close brothers, Esau and Jacob grew to become rivals.