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## **Study Questions**

*Fear or Faith (Part 1): A Study in the Life of Isaac & Jacob*

### **Winners and Losers**

**Genesis 36:1-43**

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#### **Opening Discussion**

1. How would success be defined by most people in our culture?
2. How would you define success?
3. Imagine you could see 100 years into the future and you could see the long-term effect of your choices and accomplishments. How might this cause you to rethink how you define success?

#### **Bible Study**

1. Read Genesis 36:1-8. Skim over 9-43. Compare with Genesis 13.  
What did the future hold for Lot? Was he successful or not?
2. Compare what you know of Jacob and Esau. Which one appears to be blessed and why?  
How do we measure “blessing?”
3. Read the book of Obadiah. This is the Word of God concerning Edom. How does Edom compare with Jacob in the end according to Obadiah?
4. Read Psalm 1. How does Psalm 1 describe the story of Jacob and Esau?
5. Compare Matthew 7:13,14 with the story of Jacob and Esau. Why do the majority choose the wide gate?
6. Read Hebrews 12:7-11. What can we expect as God’s children?  
How does this help us in defining success in this life?

#### **Application**

1. What will define success in this life for you?  
How is your definition of success different from those around you in the culture?

2. Will most people around you view you as successful according to their definition of success? Why or why not?
3. How will your definition of success affect generations to follow?  
  
How will your success be evident 100 years from now?
4. Identify 3 specific things that will be necessary this coming year for you to move down the pathway of success as you have defined it.