

May 3, 2026  
Sea Change Church  
**Genesis Series**  
**S5E6 – Deceived By What You Perceived**  
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**Genesis 27:1-13**

1 When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called Esau his older son and said to him, “My son”; and he answered, “Here I am.” 2 He said, “Behold, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. 3 Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me, 4 and prepare for me delicious food, such as I love, and bring it to me so that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die.” 5 Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game and bring it, 6 Rebekah said to her son Jacob, “I heard your father speak to your brother Esau, 7 ‘Bring me game and prepare for me delicious food, that I may eat it and bless you before the LORD before I die.’ 8 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice as I command you. 9 Go to the flock and bring me two good young goats, so that I may prepare from them delicious food for your father, such as he loves. 10 And you shall bring it to your father to eat, so that he may bless you before he dies.” 11 But Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, “Behold, my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man. 12 Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be mocking him and bring a curse upon myself and not a blessing.” 13 His mother said to him, “Let your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, bring them to me.”

Main Point: Don't be deceived by what you perceive.

**1. Misguided Perception – Isaac:** Vs. 1 Dim so that he could not see.

a. Physical Blindness – Spiritual vulnerability

i. Justify things because it “feels right”.

ii. Making decisions based on feelings, not truth.

“Men love truth when it enlightens them, but hate it when it convicts them.”  
Augustine of Hippo

“Faith waits on God — control tries to replace Him.”

**2. Distorted Perception – Rebekah:** Vs. 6 I heard your father speak

- a. She knows God’s promise (Gen 25:23)
- b. She trusted the Word, but took over the work.

**3. Desensitized Perception – Esau**

- a. Despising spiritual things
  - i. Married outside covenant
  - ii. Sold his birthright (Gen 25:29-34)

Don’t expect to inherit what you consistently dishonor.

**4. Jacob’s issue: Not just deception, but identity.**

- a. He already has the promise.
- b. Felt the need to secure it by deception

Proverbs 14:12  
“There is a way which SEEMETH right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”

**5. Deception doesn’t look wrong — it looks right.**

**Practical application:**

- 1. Repent of trusting your feelings over God’s word.
- 2. Stop valuing temporary things over eternal ones.
- 3. Check areas that have been justified because it makes sense.

**Small Group Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Share a time when you were confident about something and later realized you were completely wrong. What happened?
- 2. What person do you relate to the most?
- 3. Why do you think it’s so easy to trust our feelings over God’s Word?
- 4. What areas of your life right now are most influenced by emotions instead of truth?
- 5. Is there an area in your life where you need to turn from your perception and return to God’s truth?