



Discussion Guide for “Mother Knows Best”

The Way, Way Back Week 5

We've all be stuck as the person who doesn't get a say. That can make it hard to be faithful to God. How do we follow God's will when we're not calling the shots? The story of Rebekah and her two sons, Jacob and Esau, is the story of a woman with no authority who found a way to be faithful to God. What can we learn from her example?

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Genesis 25:19-26](#)

[Genesis 25:27-34](#)

[Genesis 27:1-41](#)

[Luke 16:1-13](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is [Luke 16:1-13](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. Have you ever known the right thing to do wasn't what the person in authority over you wanted to do? How did you feel in that experience?
2. What is the line between honoring authority and honoring God? How do you know when these two are in conflict?
3. How did Rebekah circumvent the social and legal structures of her day?
4. What examples today can you think of when Christians circumvented or broke the law in order to do what God wants?
5. Where in your life is God calling you to resist this week?