# The Lives of Jacob & Joseph

## Act 1: Scenes 1-5

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Scene 1 - Creation

Scene 2 - The Fall = Enter "autonomy"

Scene 3 - Cain's Sin = sin is moving

Scene 4 - The Flood = preserving vs. redeeming

Scene 5 - The Tower of Babel

Genesis 1-11

# Act 2 Building a Nation

## Act 2 Scene 1 – The Founding Fathers

- 1)Leave your country
- 2)Leave your relatives
- 3)Leave your father's house

# Life of Jacob

#### **Brief History of Abraham:**

- 1)Passes thru Canaan famine on way to Egypt
- 2)Goes back to Canaan splits with Lot
- 3)Promised a son Genesis 15:12-14
- 4)Sarai & Hagar
- 5)God meets him for lunch
- 6)Sodom & Gomorrah
- 7) Again lies about his wife

#### **Brief History of Abraham:**

- 8) Isaac is born
- 9)Testing of Abraham with Isaac Gen. 22
- 10) Eventually Sarah dies
- 11)Sends his servant home to find Isaac a wife
  - Rebekah (Laban the brother)
- 12) Abraham dies
- 13)Enter Jacob

# Life of Jacob

I.Why so much about Jacob

Creation of the planet = 10 words

Creation of the stars = 5 words

Creation of everything = 2 chapters

Abraham = 13 ½ chapters

Jacob = Roughly 25 chapters

I.Why so much about Jacob

II.If we compare Abraham to Jacob almost ALL would say there is no comparison. Why?

- a) Not a great husband
- b) Not a great dad
- c) Not a great brother or friend

# Life of Jacob

Abraham is the guy remember that...

- 1.Moves to Canaan & leaves his entire LIFE behind when God asks
- 2.Believes God will give him not just a son but more descendants than sand on the sea
- 3.In Hebrews 11 1/3 dedicated to Abraham

- I.Why so much about Jacob
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- III. Why are Jacob's faults so obviously highlighted?

# Life of Jacob

And yet look what God does thru Jacob...

- 1.Established the 12 Tribes of Israel thru him
- 2.Renames His covenant people after him
- 3.God names Himself for centuries after him

I.Why so much about Jacob

II.If we compare Abraham to Jacob almost ALL would say there is no comparison. Why?

III. Why are Jacob's faults so obviously highlighted?

IV. What does God see in Jacob that we are not seeing?