

ChristChurch London Life Group Discussion Outline – 18/05/08
“Turning Life tragedies into triumphs” – Dave Stroud

This is a Communion word section again

Read Gen 27:1-30

1. Isaac did not put God first, but instead did what he wanted to do (v3). As we are called to live differently from our culture, what are some of the biggest challenges that we face in this? What do you find most challenging as we seek to live out God’s dreams for us, instead of our own expectations of the future?
2. Rebekah did not put her trust in God and took matters into her own hands (v5-10). What do you think are some of the challenges we face when we choose to put our trust in God, especially when things aren’t going well? (If you have time, ask people to share about areas in which they currently have to trust God).
3. Jacob did not make his own decisions but instead surrendered them to his mother (v14). Discuss some of the challenges we face when making decisions for ourselves? How can we make sure we embrace the maturing process, both as young adults and as parents? (e.g. young adults moving away from home & making decisions for themselves, and parents creating space and encouraging this to happen)
4. Jesus lived a life totally submitted to the Father, even to the point of death, refusing to bow to anyone else’s agenda (Phil 2:8).

Jesus turns life tragedies into triumphs...

- a. Where you failed to submit, the Father looks at Jesus submission & is satisfied.
- b. Where you failed to trust, the Father looks at Jesus faith & counts you righteous.
- c. Where you failed to live your life, the Father sees Jesus wonderful example & counts that against you.

Spend some time reflecting on these truths and thanking Jesus for what he’s done in our lives, by sharing communion together.