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God operates on the principle of grace, not merit.

# 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

# 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

<sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

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<sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

# Jacob and Esau

Grace is divine acceptance, love, blessing and salvation that comes to those who DO NOT deserve it, win it or earn it.

## Romans 9:10-16

And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac,<sup>11</sup> though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls—

## Romans 9:10-16

<sup>12</sup> she was told, “The older will serve the younger.”<sup>13</sup> As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

<sup>14</sup> What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means!

## Romans 9:10-16

<sup>15</sup> For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” <sup>16</sup> So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.