

Genesis 27:1-4 – Scene 9: Isaac Schemes to Bless Esau.		
1a	Now <b>it happened</b> when Isaac <b>was old</b> and his eyes <b>were dim</b> so that he could not see,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Older son (25:23)</li> <li>▪ Here I am = Behold, Look.</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>
1b	<b>he called</b> Esau his <b>older</b> son and <b>said</b> to him, “ <b>My son.</b> ”	
1c	And he <b>answered</b> , “Here I am.”	
2	He <b>said</b> , “ <b>Look, now.</b> <b>I am old;</b> <b>I do not know</b> the day of my <b>death.</b> ”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
3a	<b>Now</b> then, <b>take</b> your weapons, ▪ your quiver ▪ and your bow,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Commands</li> <li>▪ Esau: skillful hunter, man of the field (25:27)</li> <li>▪ Isaac: loved game (25:29)</li> </ul>
3b	and <b>go out</b> to the <b>field</b> and <b>hunt game</b> for me,	
4a	and <b>prepare</b> for me delicious food, just like <b>I love</b> ,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Story obstacle?</li> </ul>
4b	and <b>bring</b> it to me ▪ so that <b>I may eat</b> , ▪ and my soul <b>may bless</b> you <b>before I die.</b> ”	
<b>Literature Type:</b> ➤ Story		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<b>Main Character:</b> ➤ Isaac: He does most of the speaking in this scene and he initiates the “blessing” event.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<b>Other Characters:</b> ➤ Esau: He has one line: “Here I am.”		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<b>Story Obstacles</b> ( <i>new tensions</i> ): (1) Scene #9, Obstacle #1: ➤ <b>Why did old Isaac call his <u>older</u> son?</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>

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<p>(2) Scene #9, Obstacle #2:            ➤ Why did Isaac, knowing his death would be soon, ask his <u>older</u> son Esau to prepare him delicious wild game?</p> <p>(3) Scene #9, Obstacle #3:            ➤ Why did Isaac scheme to bless Esau, his <u>older</u> son?</p>	
<p><b>Tension Direction:</b></p> <p>(1) Scene #9, Obstacle #1:            ➤ <b>Tension Increases:</b> Isaac is about to die. What does he want with his <u>older</u> son Esau?</p> <p>(2) Scene #9, Obstacle #2:            ➤ <b>Tension Increases:</b> Isaac requests his last meal. Will he take this opportunity to bless his <u>older</u> son Esau?</p> <p>(3) Scene #9, Obstacle #3:            ➤ <b>Tension Increases:</b> Isaac schemes to bless his <u>older</u> son Esau, because he love’s Esau’s delicious wild game.</p> <p>(4) Scene #1, Obstacle #3: <i>How will it play out if the older serves the younger?</i> (See Genesis 25:23.)            ➤ <b>Tension Increases:</b> Will Isaac disobey the specific word of YHWH for wild game?            ➤ <b>Tension Increases:</b> How will YHWH protect his plan?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How does Isaac compare to Esau?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Theme</b> <i>(to original audience):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Isaac intentionally disobeys the word of YHWH (25:23),               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ by scheming to bless his <u>older</u> son Esau,</li> <li>▪ because he loved Esau’s delicious wild game.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<p><b>Theology</b> <i>(for all audiences):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ God expects us to obey his word. (See Genesis 25:23.)</li> <li>➤ God’s plan is never thwarted, but it can be delayed or tweaked through disobedience.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>This is not a complete list.</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Big Idea</b> <i>(for our audience):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Obey what you know: Obey your parents. <i>(For a youth group.)</i></li> <li>➤ Trust God’s plan for your kids <i>(for parents of prodigal children).</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>These are just examples.</i></li> </ul>