

Genesis Lesson 56



**Constructive
discipline.**

**To get men to do
what they don't
want to do in
order to achieve
what they've
always wanted
to accomplish in
their lives.**

**Doing the
difficult stuff
that we may not
"feel" like doing**

**But we do it
anyway so we
can grow up in
our faith.**

**Corrective
discipline.**

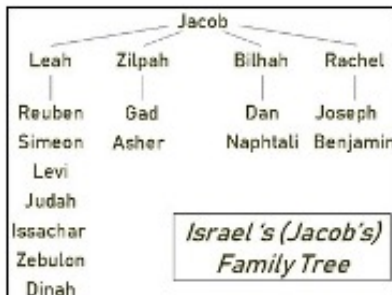
**The instructor had to
take a ragtag bunch
of young men from
every background
and shred their self-
sufficient arrogance,
independent spirits
and rebellious
tendencies.**

Constructive discipline involves teaching us how to do the difficult stuff. And corrective discipline removes bad attitudes and behaviors to make way for the good.

These two types of discipline are always meant to work together, like two hands fashioning a lump of clay on a potter's wheel.

In fact, after several weeks of cutting us new recruits down to size, the US Marine Corps built us up bigger and stronger than we had ever been in our lives. With one hand they tore us down, with the other they put us back together.

His goal is to get rid of our self-sufficient, selfish, all about me attitudes.



Genesis 33

1 Then Jacob lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two maids.

JACOB LIFTED UP HIS EYES - TRUSTED GOD FOR PROTECTION - STOOD HIS GROUND IN FAITH.

2 He put the maids and their children in front, and Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph last.

A crisis doesn't make a man but it shows what a man is made of.

When we have a crisis in our life it really shows what we believe about God.

3 But he himself passed on ahead of them and bowed down to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

4 Then Esau ran to meet him and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.

THAT WAS JACOB'S PLAN - NOT GOD'S.

5 He lifted his eyes and saw the women and the children, and said, "Who are these with you?" So he said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant."

6 Then the maids came near with their children, and they bowed down.

7 Leah likewise came near with her children, and they bowed down; and afterward Joseph came near with Rachel, and they bowed down.

8 And he said, "What do you mean by all this company which I have met?"

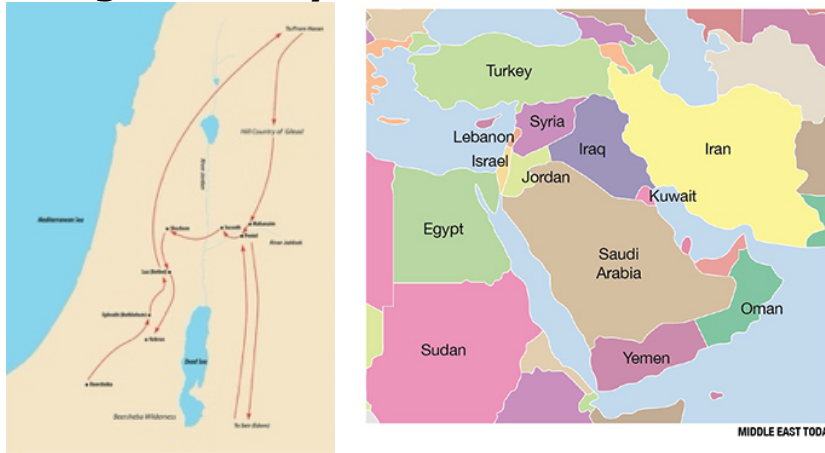
And he said, "To find favor in the sight of my lord."

9 But Esau said, "I have plenty, my brother; let what you have be your own."

10 Jacob said, "No, please, if now I have found favor in your sight, then take my present from my hand, for I see your face as one sees the face of God, and you have received me favorably.

11 "Please take my gift which has been brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me and because I have plenty." Thus he urged him and he took it.

12 Then Esau said, "Let us take our journey and go, and I will go before you."



13 But he said to him, "My lord knows that the children are frail and that the flocks and herds which are nursing are a care to me. And if they are driven hard one day, all the flocks will die.

14 "Please let my lord pass on before his servant, and I will proceed at my leisure, according to the pace of the cattle that are before me and according to the pace of the children, until I come to my lord at Seir."

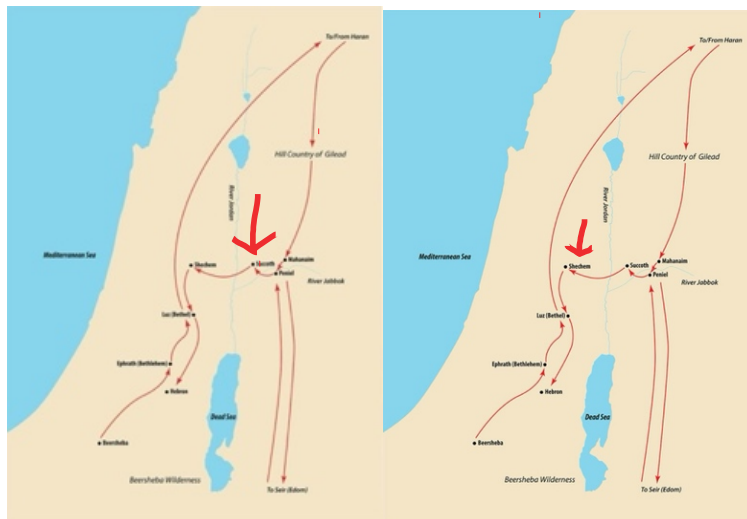


15 Esau said, "Please let me leave with you some of the people who are with me."

But he said, "What need is there? Let me find favor in the sight of my lord."

16 So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir.

17 Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built for himself a house and made booths for his livestock; therefore the place is named Succoth.



18 Now Jacob came safely to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Paddan-aram, and camped before the city.

19 He bought the piece of land where he had pitched his tent from the hand of the sons of Hamor, Shechem's father, for one hundred pieces of money.

20 Then he erected there an altar and called it El-Elohe-Israel.

John 14:15

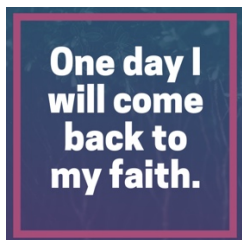
15 "If you love me, you will obey what I command.

Revelation 3:14–16

14 "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation.

15 I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other!

16 So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.



Exodus 3:6

6 Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." ...



Genesis 33:18–19

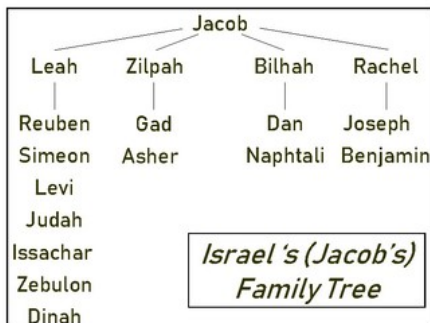
18 After Jacob came from Paddan Aram, he arrived safely at the city of Shechem in Canaan and camped within sight of the city.

19 For a hundred pieces of silver, he bought from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem, the plot of ground where he pitched his tent.



Genesis 34

1 Now Dinah, the daughter Leah had borne to Jacob,



2 went out to visit the women of the land.

3 When Shechem son of Hamor the Hivite, the ruler of that area, saw her, he took her and violated her.

4 His heart was drawn to Dinah daughter of Jacob, and he loved the girl and spoke tenderly to her.

5 And Shechem said to his father Hamor, "Get me this girl as my wife."

6 When Jacob heard that his daughter Dinah had been defiled, his sons were in the fields with his livestock; so he kept quiet about it until they came home.

6 Then Shechem's father Hamor went out to talk with Jacob.

7 Now Jacob's sons had come in from the fields as soon as they heard what had happened. They were filled with grief and fury, because Shechem had done a disgraceful thing in Israel by lying with Jacob's daughter—a thing that should not be done.

8 But Hamor said to them, "My son Shechem has his heart set on your daughter. Please give her to him as his wife.

9 Intermarry with us; give us your daughters and take our daughters for yourselves.

10 You can settle among us; the land is open to you. Live in it, trade in it, and acquire property in it."

11 Then Shechem said to Dinah's father and brothers, "Let me find favor in your eyes, and I will give you whatever you ask.

12 Make the price for the bride and the gift I am to bring as great as you like, and I'll pay whatever you ask me. Only give me the girl as my wife."

13 Because their sister Dinah had been defiled, Jacob's sons replied deceitfully as they spoke to Shechem and his father Hamor.

14 They said to them, "We can't do such a thing; we can't give our sister to a man who is not circumcised. That would be a disgrace to us.

15 We will give our consent to you on one condition only: that you become like us by circumcising all your males.

16 Then we will give you our daughters and take your daughters for ourselves. We'll settle among you and become one people with you.

17 But if you will not agree to be circumcised, we'll take our sister and go."