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His BIG story of redemption is that HE loves all people.

HE made a way through Jesus Christ, HIS son, for every person to be saved.

Every person must decide. Will I go God's way or my way?

Romans 9:6-13

6 It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. 7 Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." 8 In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. 9 For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son."

10 Not only that, but Rebekah's children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. 11 Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: 12 not by works but by him who calls—she was told, "The older will serve the younger." 13 Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.

Not all Israel is Israel

Illustration #1

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Romans 2:28-29

28 A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. 29 No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a person's praise is not from other people, but from God.

Isaac and not Ishmael

Illustration #2

Story of Abraham

Genesis 12:2-3

I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

Story of Abraham

Abraham fathered a child with Hagar, Sarah's servant, and the child is named Ishmael.

The story is found in Genesis 16

Story of Abraham

Genesis 21:1-3

1 Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah **as he had said**, and **the Lord did for Sarah what he had promised**. 2 Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. 3 Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him.

Jacob and not Esau

Illustration #3

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God chose Jacob

When?

Before the twins were born; before either had done anything good or bad

Why?

So that his purpose in election might stand

What was his purpose?

Not by works but by Him who calls

Jacob was chosen so that God might demonstrate His grace

Illustration #3 Jacob and not Esau

Rom. 9:13 Jacob I loved but Esau I hated

This passage is not about the individual story of Jacob and Esau. The passage is about God keeping his promise to bring salvation to all people.

Gratitude

Remember your story of coming to faith

Growing Contentment

You are God's workmanship



Willing Instrument

Let God use You