

This week Jacob comes home. Back to the land of Canaan (modern day Israel), where his brother lies in wait, somewhere. Now that he is wealthy, he has money to burn. So he does.

He cheated his brother out of the birthright, and now he gives his brother the equivalent with inflation of the amount the birthright might have been good for. Then he makes sure to avoid taking his brother up on the offer to stay with him. He doesn't ever say no, he just makes excuses for why his group can't travel as fast as the group with Esav.

From our ancestors we can learn many things, and this week the lesson we learn might be that it is important to reconnect with family, and it is perfectly acceptable for that connection to be long distance.

May the world this week focus on the connection more than the distance.