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# DAILY READING

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### JACOB MEETS ESAU

**33** Now Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming toward him with four hundred men. So he divided the children among Leah, Rachel, and the two slave women. <sup>2</sup> He put the slaves and their children first, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph last. <sup>3</sup> He himself went on ahead and bowed to the ground seven times until he approached his brother.

<sup>4</sup> But Esau ran to meet him, hugged him, threw his arms around him, and kissed him. Then they wept. <sup>5</sup> When Esau looked up and saw the women and children, he asked, “Who are these with you?”

He answered, “The children God has graciously given your servant.” <sup>6</sup> Then the slaves and their children approached him and bowed down. <sup>7</sup> Leah and her children also approached and bowed down, and then Joseph and Rachel approached and bowed down.

<sup>8</sup> So Esau said, “What do you mean by this whole procession I met?”

“To find favor with you, my lord,” he answered.

<sup>9</sup> “I have enough, my brother,” Esau replied. “Keep what you have.”

<sup>10</sup> But Jacob said, “No, please! If I have found favor with you, take this gift from me. For indeed, I have seen your face, and it is like seeing God’s face, since you have accepted me. <sup>11</sup> Please take my present that was brought to you, because God has been gracious to me and I have everything I need.” So Jacob urged him until he accepted.