

**Week 19**  
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**Women's Bible Study - Genesis**

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Identifying patterns in the Bible is crucial for several reasons. Firstly, it enhances our understanding of God's character and His methods of communication. Secondly, patterns provide a framework for interpreting complex passages and prophecies.

Lastly, they reinforce the Bible's internal consistency and divine authorship. **According to a study by the Pew Research Center, 35% of Americans who read the Bible regularly report a better understanding of its teachings when they recognize recurring patterns.** It's like solving a divine puzzle – the more pieces you connect, the clearer the big picture becomes!<sup>1</sup>

1. What was prophesied about the two boys, Esau and Jacob? ([Genesis 25:23](#))

2. What have you learned about Esau's character? Write down all the descriptive language used to describe him and his actions, then, how would you summarize his character?

3. What have you learned about Jacob's character? Write down all the descriptive language used to describe him and his actions, then, how would you summarize his character?

4. What were the character traits passed on from Abraham and Isaac to Esau and Jacob?

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<sup>1</sup> The Seven Patterns In The Bible: Unveiling Divine Design - North Shore Crafts

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5. Observing how Isaac dealt with his sons, or planned to deal with them, how has he become both physically blind and spiritually blind, does he ever get back on track? Do you see any patterns carried forward in Genesis?

6. Observing the physical movements of the characters, what patterns are continuing in this story in Genesis and what do you think it means, what is the point of the pattern?

7. Do you see God at work in this story? summarize what you think He is doing.

8. How do you think God regards Jacob, how does he regard Esau? (use cross references in your bible to help you with this if needed)

9. Considering your past, present and future, how do you think God regards you?