



**Life Story: Jacob, Born Second – Finished First  
Week 3**

### Warm-up

Do you consider yourself to be a competitive person? Tell the group why or why not and give an example.

### The Word

Today we are going to discuss what it takes to “Finish First” in a manner that pleases God. To begin our discussion, we will read **Genesis 25:23** and **1 Corinthians 1:28-29**.

According to these verses, how does God’s view of finishing first differ from our natural view?

In our discussion today, we are going to look at 3 keys to finishing first:

#### 1) Define your priorities

God can take any circumstance and bring greatness out of it because He is not a respecter of persons, but of priorities. Therefore, if we follow God, then we can be confident in finishing first because we are following His priorities.

#### Read Romans 10:12 and Hebrews 12:16-17

How do these verses help us understand that God is concerned with us living according to our priorities?

Share a time in your life when you made God’s priorities your priorities and what the outcome was.

#### 2) Live with integrity

When you hear the word integrity, what comes to mind?

Integrity comes from the root word *integer*, which means “wholeness.” In order to live a life of integrity, we must live our whole lives focused on living with God’s priorities.

What can you do to live a life of integrity?

Integrity is not dependent on others. Therefore, we must rely on God and His Word to guide us and give us the strength to live with godly integrity.

### 3) Deal with insecurities

**Read Genesis 32:24-31.** In these verses, we see that Jacob wrestles with an angel of God, and from that he comes away with a limp. His limp is a sign of a great encounter with God, which means his limp is a sign of strength rather than of weakness.

**Read 2 Corinthians 12:9.** How does this verse help us to understand how our perceived weaknesses can really be reminders of God’s strength in our lives?

What insecurities do you feel can really be strengths when you surrender them to God?

Finishing first in God’s view is all about pursuing Him and His purpose for your life. After today’s discussion, how will your approach to “finishing first” change?

### Prayer

Ask God to help all those in your group define their priorities, live with integrity, and deal with their insecurities so they can be all that God has called them to be.