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“The Gospel in the Lives of Isaac & Jacob”
Summary of ‘Déjà vu All Over Again’
Genesis 25:19-34
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In a few story lines of the popular Peanuts cartoon strip, Linus and Lucy have a little brother who goes by the rather odd name of Rerun. Iain Duguid writes, ‘I don’t think that that was necessarily the name his parents gave him; more likely it expresses Lucy’s sense of disappointment in discovering that her second younger sibling is another boy.’ But there is a sense in which all our children could legitimately be named Rerun, expressing the fact that in our children we see a reflection of ourselves. In many ways, their attributes and their skills, their strengths and their weaknesses, their interests and their passions – not to mention their looks – are often a rerun of our own. ‘They are, as we might say, a chip off the old block.’ Isaac was, in the fullest sense of the phrase, a chip off the old block. But, as Duguid points out, ‘Isaac’s life is not merely a compilation album of Abraham’s greatest hits, however. Rather, in Isaac’s replaying of Abraham’s experience we see God’s faithfulness extended to a new generation.’

