

¹⁸ He went to his father and said, "My father." "Yes, my son," he answered. "Who is it?" ¹⁹ Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me. Please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing." ²⁰ Isaac asked his son, "How did you find it so quickly, my son?" "The Lord your God gave me success," he replied. . . .

GENESIS 27: 18 - 34

21 Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near so I can touch you, my son, to know whether you really are my son Esau or not." 22 Jacob went close to his father Isaac, who touched him and said, "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau." 23 He did not recognize him, for his hands were hairy like those of his brother Esau; so he proceeded to bless him. 24 "Are you really my son Esau?" he asked. "I am," he replied. . . .

GENESIS 27: 18 - 34

²⁵ Then he said, "My son, bring me some of your game to eat, so that I may give you my blessing." Jacob brought it to him and he ate; and he brought some wine and he drank. ²⁶ Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come here, my son, and kiss me." ²⁷ So he went to him and kissed him. When Isaac caught the smell of his clothes, he blessed him and said, "Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the Lord has blessed. . . ."

GENESIS 27: 18 - 34

²⁸ May God give you heaven's dew and earth's richness—
an abundance of grain and new wine. ²⁹ May nations
serve you and peoples bow down to you. Be lord over your
brothers, and may the sons of your mother bow down to
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bless you be blessed." ³⁰ After Isaac finished blessing him,
and Jacob had scarcely left his father's presence, his
brother Esau came in from hunting. . . .

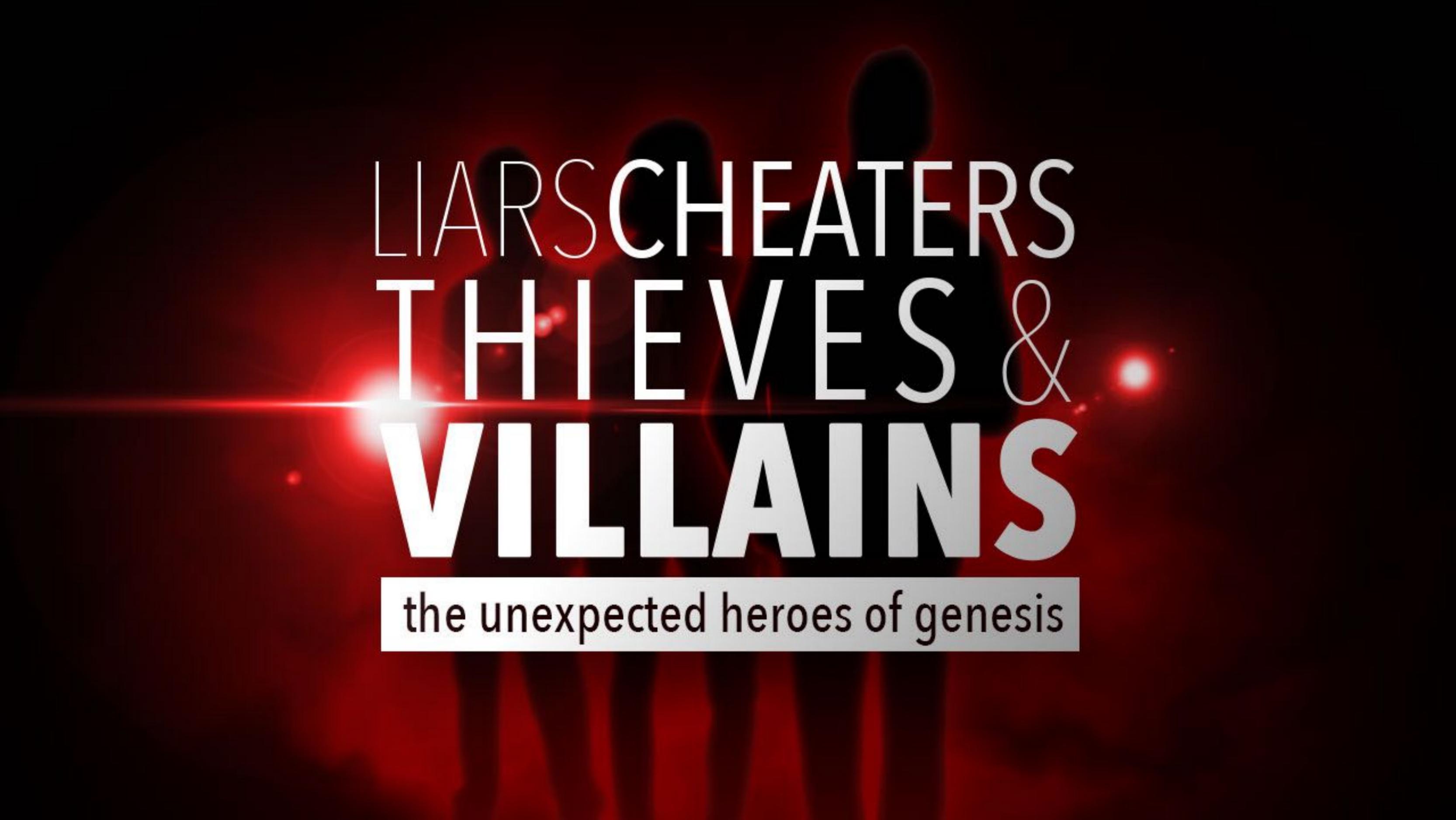
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³¹ He too prepared some tasty food and brought it to his father. Then he said to him, "My father, please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing." ³² His father Isaac asked him, "Who are you?" "I am your son," he answered, "your firstborn, Esau."
³³ Isaac trembled violently and said, "Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? ..."

GENESIS 27: 18 - 34

I ate it just before you came and I blessed him—
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Isaac

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Jacob

BLESSING

WHAT WAS THE BLESSING?

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Sincere personal affirmation

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Consistent words and actions that
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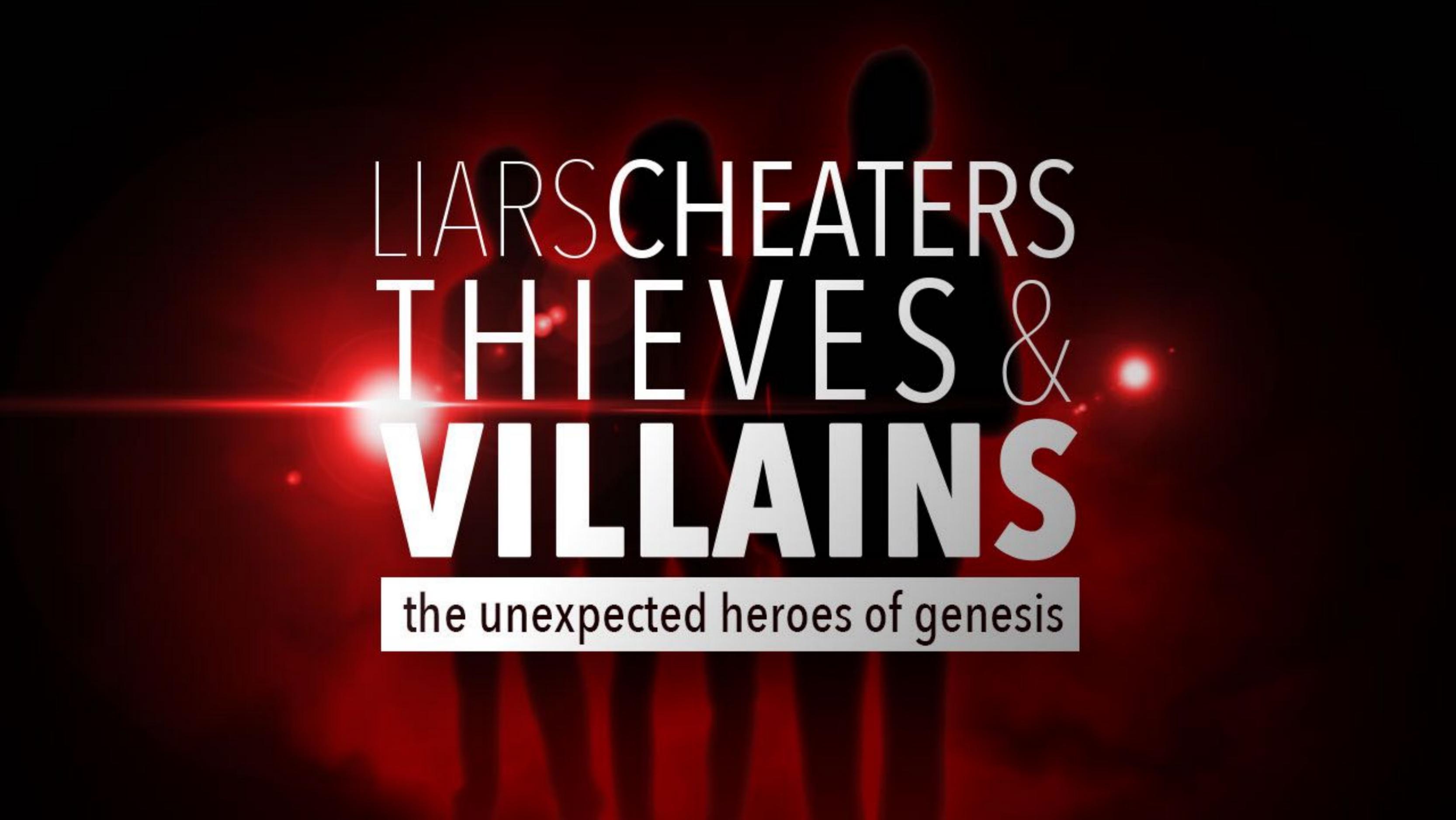
GENESIS 27: 33

13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole."
14 He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to [us]."

GALATIANS 3: 13 - 14

Learn to know Christ and him crucified. Learn to sing to him, and say, "Lord Jesus, you are my righteousness, I am your sin. You have taken upon yourself what is mine and given me what is yours. You have become what you were not so that I might become what I was not."

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