SUPERBOOK – JACOB & ESAU (A Quest to Forgiveness)

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SYNOPSIS: In the Quantum yard, during a spirited water fight, Joy

accidentally gets Gizmo's inner workings wet and he fritzes out,

suddenly believing he belongs to Joy. Chris can't seem to correct

the problem and is furious with Joy, saying he'll never forgive

her. SUPERBOOK intercedes and whisks the kids back to the days of

Jacob and Esau. The two brothers compete over many things, but

when Esau gives up his birthright and Jacob tricks his father out

of a blessing they become estranged for many years thereafter.

Chris and Joy witness the animosity between the two brothers and

the separation it has caused them for years. Chris begins to

think about his own unforgiving attitude with Joy. When Jacob

finally goes to Esau and his brother finds it in his heart to

forgive Jacob, Chris takes the cue and forgives Joy as well. The

two are best friends once again. And they work together to repair

Gizmo's still-comical malfunctioning microchip.

TAKE AWAY: If you have wronged a brother or sister you need to, no

matter how hard it may be, ask forgiveness and make up.

CAST:

GIZMO

JOY

CHRIS

SUPERBOOK

JACOB

ESAU

ISAAC

REBEKA

LABAN’S SON

SERVANT RIDER

JESUS

TEASER

1 GIZMO (V.O.) 01:00:05 (low) Chris, I have the enemy in sight.

2 GIZMO (O.S.) 01:00:08 Eighteen degrees by four degrees...

3 GIZMO (O.S.) 01:00:11 ... factored by the distance of the backyard times pi plus a factor of eight.

4 JOY 01:00:19 (SCREAM)

5 CHRIS 01:00:20 (shouting out with glee) You’re all wet, Joy! Haha!

6 JOY (O.S.) 01:00:25 Launching counter-offensive!

CHRIS AND GIZMO do a victory dance.

CHRIS \*\*\* 01:00:35 All right! (LAUGHS)

GIZMO \*\*\* 01:00:36 Perfect shot! Whoa!

7 CHRIS 01:00:42 (shouting on the run) Cover me, Giz! I’m cutting off her ammo supply!

8 GIZMO 01:00:45 Aye-Aye... YIIIII!!!

9 GIZMO (CONT’D) 01:00:57 CHRIS! My guidance system seems to be malfunctioning!

10 CHRIS 01:01:00 Don’t worry, Giz. I just need to recalibrate here...

GIZMO 01:01:09 (WILD SOUNDS)

CHRIS 01:01:10 OH NO! GIZ!

GIZMO 01:01:12 Whoo-whooo-whoo! Whooo-aaa-haaaa!

11 CHRIS 01:01:15 Gizmo’s motherboard is never supposed to get wet! Look at him. He’s totally spazzing!

GIZMO JERKS AND POPS, FLOPS AND SPARKS

12 GIZMO 01:01:19 (comical fritzing/sounds)

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

13 GIZMO 01:01:37 (bubbling filter) Hello, Joy. Hello, Joy. Hello, Joy.

14 JOY 01:01:40 Thank goodness he’s all right. You better take him inside and have your dad run a full diagnostic.

15 CHRIS 01:01:46 Come on, Giz.

16 GIZMO 01:01:46 I...(fritzing)... live...(fritzing) with Joy. Her home is...(fritzing) my home.

17 CHRIS 01:01:50 No, Giz! Home is this way.

18 GIZMO 01:01:52 Help! Chris is trying to steal me! I am not your robot. I am Joy’s robot!

19 CHRIS 01:01:58 (impact hit) -- (looking up angrily) You totally warped his memory sector, Joy! He thinks he’s yours!

20 JOY 01:02:05 Chris, I’m really sorry. It was an accident. Please forgive me.

21 CHRIS 01:02:10 I’ll never forgive you for this, Joy.

22 CHRIS AND JOY 01:02:15 Superbook!

23 SUPERBOOK 01:02:32 I am taking you to meet twin brothers, for whom forgiveness seemed impossible.

EXT. JACOB AND ESAU’S PASTURE - MID AFTERNOON - A FEW CLOUDS

MOVING IN

24 CHRIS 01:02:47 Great! Who knows where we are now?! And Gizmo’s on the fritz! This is all your fault, Joy!

CHRIS (CONT’D) 01:02:53 We could be in some serious trouble if anything happens.

JOY 01:02:56 Me?! I didn’t do this! Superbook took us here!

25 CHRIS 01:03:00 Where are we, Giz? (eyeing Joy with blame)

If you can even tell us.

26 GIZMO 01:03:04 No. I cannot tell YOU...but I CAN tell Joy where we are.

27 GIZMO (CONT’D) 01:03:13 My geo-sensors indicate we are in the Negev Desert in Southern Israel -- That’s in the Middle East for the geographically challenged --

28 GIZMO (CONT’D) 01:03:20 Around 3800 years ago.

29 GIZMO (CONT’D) 01:03:25 Uh-oh! Two boys coming this way in a hurry!

30 JACOB/ESAU 01:03:27 (running efforts)

31 ESAU 01:03:28 Come on, keep up little brother!

32 JACOB/ESAU 01:03:29 (running - pushing efforts)

JACOB: You can't beat me, Esau.

ESAU: Watch it! (LAUGHTER)

33 JOY/CHRIS 01:03:34 Whoa!

34 JACOB/ESAU 01:03:35 (running efforts)

35 ESAU 01:03:36 I got you now, Jacob.

36 JACOB 01:03:37 Just you try!

(running efforts)

37 CHRIS 01:03:41 Who were they?

38 JOY 01:03:42 And where are they going in such a hurry?

39 GIZMO 01:03:44 And more importantly... why are they coming back... so sooooon.

40 ESAU 01:03:49 (BREATHING HARD) Cheater!

41 JACOB 01:03:53 (LAUGHTER) (falling grunt)

42 JACOB/ESAU 01:03:54 (LAUGHTER) (reaching/diving efforts) –

ESAU 01:03:56

JACOB 01:03:57 Look what you did now, Esau.

ESAU 01:03:57 You tried to cheat me, Jacob.

43 JACOB 01:04:00 Oh, but you elbowed me.

ESAU: 01:04:01 (LAUGHTER) Oh come on.

44 CHRIS 01:04:02 Actually, I think you won. Jacob, is it?

45 JOY 01:04:05 Wrong, Chris! It was Esau! I saw his hand reach the tree first!

46 CHRIS 01:04:09 Don’t listen to anything she says.

47 JACOB 01:04:11 I don’t listen to girls.

48 ESAU 001:04:13 (chuckle) You listen to Mother. (ribbing him)

You are a soft and hairless mama’s boy, after all. (Laughing)

49 JACOB 01:04:19 (Struggle grunts) - Take that back!

ESAU 01:04:20 Why? (falling) (impact grunts - struggles) It’s true.

JACOB 01:04:22 I said take it back.

ESAU 01:04:23 Make me.

50 ISAAC (V.O.) 01:04:24 ENOUGH! (SLIGHT LAUGHTER)

51 ISAAC 01:04:26 Esau, my son, I declare you the winner.

52 ISAAC (CONT’D) 01:04:33 Though they were born mere minutes apart, Esau *was* first.

53 ISAAC (CONT’D) 01:04:37 Jacob is also a wonderful son. But Esau has my birthright.

54 JOY 01:04:42 What’s a birthright?

55 JACOB 01:04:44 How can you not know what a birthright is?

56 ESAU 01:04:55 The first born son always inherits twice as much as any other son. And will rule the family.

57 GIZMO 01:05:01 I see! He has more authority over you, the same way Joy has more authority over me than Chris.

58 ISAAC 01:05:09 And ours is a blessed family. The Lord spoke to my father, Abraham, years ago and told him to look up into the sky and...

59 JACOB (NKJV GENESIS 15:5) 01:05:16 (interrupting) (laughs) We’ve heard this story many times, father. The Lord said to Abraham: “Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can.

60 ESAU 01:05:25 That’s how many descendants you will have!”

61 CHRIS 01:05:27 Wow. That’s one BIG family.

62 ISAAC 01:05:31 And, as first born, all that God has said will be answered in you, Esau.

63 ISAAC 01:05:43 Now, perhaps your friends will stay with us for dinner?

(patting Esau’s shoulder)

Go. Hunt us some fine game for the stew.

64 JACOB 01:05:49 I can hunt too, father.

65 ISAAC (NKJV GEN 25:27) 01:05:51 I know, Jacob. But your knee looks injured. Besides, you are mild – uh comfortable dwelling in tents - and suited for other things.

66 ISAAC (CONT’D) 01:06:07 Now, to the hunt, Esau, before this storm is upon us.

67 ESAU 01:06:10 Yes, father.

68 JOY 01:06:12 I’m going with Esau.

69 GIZMO 01:06:13 I am going with Joy.

70 CHRIS 01:06:15 Good!! Go.

71 JACOB (O.S.) 01:06:25 But mother, he just seems to like Esau better.

72 REBEKA 01:06:29 He loves you, Jacob. Only he doesn’t understand, the Lord favors you.

(she lowers her voice) You are the chosen one - chosen one day to lead a great nation.

73 CHRIS 01:06:39 But Esau has the birthright. Isn’t he destined to be the leader?

74 REBEKA 01:06:43 The Lord God wills that Jacob should have the birthright. And the time draws near.

75 REBEKA (CONT’D) 01:06:50 Long ago, when I carried both Jacob and Esau, they would struggle within me... kicking and fighting... (chuckling at the memory) ... oh, it was such a battle... and it worried me so that I prayed for a reason from God.

76 REBEKA (NKJV GEN 25:22) 01:07:10 Lord, if all is well, why do I feel a struggle within me?

77 GOD (CEV GEN 25:23) 01:07:18 The sons in your womb will become two nations. From the very beginning the two nations will be rivals. One nation will be stronger than the other and your older son will serve your younger son.

79 REBEKA 01:07:36 Jacob, you are the younger, of whom the Lord spoke. Esau will one day serve you.

80 ESAU 01:07:59 You were wise coming with me. I can show you secrets of the hunt.

81 JOY/GIZMO 01:08:13 (SCREAM)

82 JOY/GIZMO (screaming)

83 ESAU 01:08:30 (with a sigh) Another mild tent dweller. You should have gone with Jacob after all.

84 JOY 01:08:35 Maybe we should go back, huh?

85 ESAU 01:08:42 Very well. I am starving. (a beat - looking at the rain with anger) And there’s no hunting in this. Father will be so disappointed.

86 CHRIS 01:08:54 Mmm. This is great, Jacob. Who needs to be a hunter when you can cook, huh?

87 JACOB 01:08:59 If I’d been able to go hunting today, I could have proved myself to Father.

88 JOY/ESAU/GIZMO 01:09:12 (efforts getting in from the storm)

89 JOY 01:09:14 Stop! Wait! It’s only us!

90 ESAU 01:09:16 (laughing) Oh, you are quite the hunter, Jacob. Can you not even tell a two legged beast from one with four?

91 ESAU (NLT GEN 25:29) 01:09:32 (SIGHS) I’m starved! Give me some of that red stew!

92 JACOB (CEV GEN 25:31) 01:09:45 This stew? --- Give me your inheritance, brother. Sell me your birthright.

93 ESAU 01:09:51 I am about to die from hunger. Give me the stew.

94 JACOB 01:09:55 (playful) Give me your inheritance, brother. Sell me your birthright for this bowl of hearty stew.

95 ESAU 01:10:03 Give it to me!

96 JOY 01:10:04 What’s he doing?

97 JACOB 01:10:05 Give me your inheritance, Brother. Sell me your birthright as the first-born son.

98 ESAU (CEV GEN 25:32) 01:10:14 Ohhh, I am about to die. What good will those rights do me?

99 JACOB 01:10:18 Promise me your birthrights, here and now!

100 ESAU 01:10:22 (saying it fast and meaningless) Birthright. Birthright! I swear you may have my birthright. There! Now... give me the stew, brother!

ESAU (CONT’D) 01:10:27 (hungry eating sounds)

JACOB 01:10:30 Thank you, dear brother.

101 CHRIS 01:10:35 (whispering) It’s Superbook. Come on.

102 GIZMO 01:10:37 (whispering) I will not go with you. I am Joy’s robot and I...

103 JOY 01:10:39 (whispering) Not now, Giz!

104 SUPERBOOK 01:10:43 What you have witnessed is only the beginning of a great divide between these brothers.

105 JOY 01:10:54 Now where are we?

106 GIZMO 01:10:56 My Geo-Sensors indicate we are in a place called Haran. But it is quite some time later. Let me get a reading on...

107 LABAN’S SON 01:11:02 I still do not believe you!

108 JACOB 01:11:03 My mother told me for my own safety, I should come here to live these past years!

109 CHRIS 01:11:08 (Whispering) Is that... Jacob?!

110 JACOB 01:11:10 And I have taken nothing from your family that was not given me.

111 JOY 01:11:13 (Whispering) Yeah, and if he remembers us, he’s gonna have more questions than we have answers.

112 CHRIS 01:11:19 We need to disguise ourselves!

113 GIZMO 01:11:23 I will protect us, Joy. Here, put these on.

(Gizmo and Chris struggling with the clothes)

114 CHRIS 01:11:28 (Simultaneous) GIZMO, I found these.

GIZMO (Simultaneous) These are for Joy.

115 JOY 01:11:29 (whispering) Guys! Keep it down!

116 CHRIS (O.C.) 01:11:31 GIZMO!

117 JACOB 01:11:36 You! Did Laban’s sons tell you to spy on me?

118 CHRIS 01:11:39 We didn’t mean to eavesdrop.

119 JOY 01:11:41 We’re harmless…really.

120 JACOB 01:11:44 Well... Don’t just stand there. Clean up this mess.

121 GIZMO 01:11:50 What a grouch he grew up to be.

122 JOY 01:11:52 I know just how to help his bad mood. Get into these outfits.

123 JOY 01:11:59 (savory sniff) – Ahh, now that smells great.

124 GIZMO 01:12:03 Ahhh... Stew. Just the way his mother used to make it when he was a boy.

125 CHRIS 01:12:24 We thought you might be hungry.

126 JACOB 01:12:26 Huh?... Oh... I have no appetite. But I apologize for being so disagreeable with you.

127 JOY 01:12:34 What’s wrong, Jacob?

128 JACOB 01:12:38 (SIGHS) Last night God came to me in a dream.

129 JACOB (CEV GEN 31:3) 01:12:43 He said, “Jacob, go back to your relatives in the land of your ancestors, and I will bless you.”

130 JACOB (CONT’D) 01:12:53 I only hope my brother, Esau, does not still bear a grudge for what I did, many years ago.

131 JOY 01:13:01 You could ask him to forgive you? (looking at Chris) I mean, no matter what someone does, if they’re truly sorry they should be forgiven, right?

132 JACOB 01:13:15 I do not know.

01:13:20 Years ago, I tricked my father into giving me my brother’s blessing. Is forgiveness even possible for such a deed?

133 REBEKA 01:13:35 Isaac said he will bless Esau before his death. But you must go to him and receive that blessing.

134 REBEKA 01:13:46 And you shall, if you do as I say.

135 JACOB (CEV GEN 27:11-12) 01:13:49 My brother Esau is a hairy man, and I am not. If my father touches me and realizes I am trying to trick him, he will put a curse on me instead of giving me a blessing."

136 REBEKAH (CEV GEN 27:13) 01:14:05 Let his curse fall on me!

137 JACOB (V.O.) 01:14:14 So I did as my mother bid.

138 ISAAC (CEV GEN 27:18) 01:14:19 (Groans) W-Which one of my sons are you?

139 JACOB (CEV GEN 27:19) 01:14:25 I am Esau, your first-born, and I have done what you told me. Please sit up and eat the meat I have brought. Then you can give me your blessing.

140 ISAAC (NLT GEN 27:21) 01:14:33 Co..Come closer so I can touch you and make sure that you really are Esau.

141 ISAAC (CEV GEN 27:21)

142 ISAAC (NLT GEN 27:22&26) 01:14:44 The voice is Jacob’s, but the hands are Esau’s. Please come a little closer and kiss me, my son.

143 ISAAC (NKJV GEN 27:27) 01:15:04 (intake sniff) - Surely, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field which the LORD has blessed.

144 JACOB (V.O.) 01:15:20 And so, my father gave me his blessing, the blessing that belonged to Esau as his firstborn.

145 CHRIS 01:15:27 What did Esau do when he found out?

146 JACOB 01:15:30 He said he would never forgive me and that he wanted to kill me.

147 CHRIS 01:15:34 Wow. Even I’m not that mad.

148 JACOB 01:15:39 My mother and father sent me here to stay with my uncle Laban until Esau’s fury turned away.

149 JACOB (CONT’D) 01:15:48 The time to face my past is drawing near. When I see him, I shall offer Esau gifts of peace, that he may finally forgive me.

150 JACOB 01:16:09 Did the servants do as I instructed and take the gifts ahead to my brother, Esau.

151 SERVANT RIDER 01:16:13 Master, your brother awaits with more than four hundred men!

152 JACOB (O.C.) 01:16:19 I feared he would still be angry.

154 JOY (O.C.) 01:16:39 (loud whisper) (Shocked noise) Hey, guys, get out here!

155 JOY (CONT’D) 01:16:43 (loud whisper) Do you hear that?

156 GIZMO 01:16:46 It sounds like fighting.

157 CHRIS 01:16:48 Probably Esau come to get even with Jacob.

(STRUGGLING/WRESTLING GRUNTS, ETC.)

158 GIZMO 01:16:55 Look! Over there.

159 JOY 01:16:57 What *is*  it?

160 CHRIS 01:17:02 It’s coming from over that rise.

(THE FIGHTING SOUNDS ARE VERY CLOSE BY)

161 JOY 01:17:15 Who are they?

162 JESUS/JACOB 01:17:18 (wrestling grunts groans and struggling sounds)

163 JESUS/JACOB (CONT’D) 01:17:27 (heavy breathing-exhaustion)

164 JESUS (NKJV GEN 32:26-29) 01:17:37 Let me go. For the day breaks.

165 JACOB 01:17:41 I will not let You go unless You bless me.

166 JESUS 01:17:46 What is your name?

167 JACOB 01:17:49 Jacob.

168 JESUS (V.O.) (NJKV) 01:17:51 Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men and have prevailed.

169 CHRIS 01:18:03 Joy. That’s... God! Jacob wrestled God!

170 JOY 01:18:17 Jacob... what happened here?

171 JACOB (NKJV GEN 32:30) 01:18:23 I will call this place Peniel, for I have seen God face-to-face, yet my life has been spared. (he puts a fatherly arm around the kids and Gizmo and looks off at the rising sun)

01:18:33 I have wrestled with God. I am now ready to go meet Esau.

172 CHRIS (O.S.) 01:18:48 Poor Jacob. He doesn’t stand a chance.

173 JOY 01:18:51 Sometimes asking forgiveness is the hardest thing of all.

174 CHRIS (O.S.) 01:18:56 I sure hope Jacob knows what he’s doing.

175 GIZMO 01:19:03 M-m-maybe instead of forgiveness, Jacob should ask for an army the size of Esau’s! (whimper) - I can’t look! (peeking through his fingers) Okay, just a peek. (closing finger) No! Better not! Ohhh-hoo-hooo!

176 ESAU 01:19:50 Jacob, my brother!

177 FAMILY 01:19:58 (JUBILANT WALLA)

178 CHRIS 01:20:04 Joy?

179 JOY 01:20:06 Yeah?

180 CHRIS 01:20:07 If Esau could forgive his brother after all he did to him... I... think I can forgive you for a silly accident with Gizmo.

181 JOY 01:20:15 Really, Chris?

182 CHRIS 01:20:18 Really. I forgive you. And I hope you’ll forgive me for being so... I don’t know... so mean to you. It’s not like I’ve never done something wrong.

183 JOY (O.S.) 01:20:29 Forgiven?

184 CHRIS (O.C.) 01:20:32 Forgiven.

185 ESAU 01:20:42 It is good to have you back, brother.

186 CROWD 01:20:45 (CHEERING) (walla)

187 JOY 01:21:02 Great idea, using these solar fans your dad invented to dry Gizmo’s circuits.

188 CHRIS 01:21:07 Now, let’s test him.

189 JOY 01:21:10 Gotcha. (obvious - Gizmo) See you later, Gizmo, I’ve gotta go home.

190 GIZMO 01:21:15 Okay, Joy. Good-bye.

Come on, Chris. Last one home is a rotten egg! (giggle)

191 JOY/CHRIS 01:21:22 Who-hoo!/Awright!

192 JOY 01:21:25 I’m glad things are back to normal around here.

193 CHRIS 01:21:27 Me, too. And no more water fights.

194 GIZMO 01:21:42 Ooof! –ooof-ohhhh.

195 GIZMO (CONT’D) 01:21:47 Hello, Dog. Hello, Dog. Hello Dog. Master! Master! Huh, hey, Wait for me, Master.

196 CHRIS 01:21:54 No, no, no, no, noooo, Gizmo. That dog’s not your master, come back.

JOY 01:21:55 Giz. Stop. Wait up! Giz….

CHRIS: 01:21:59 GIZMOOOO!!!!

FADE OUT