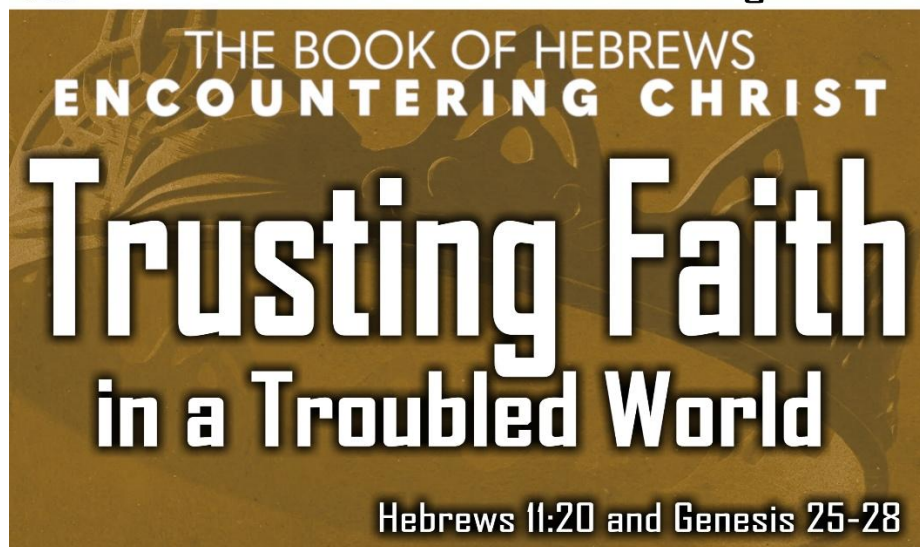




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IN SOME PLACES, GOD'S WORD IS UNDERLINED WITH DOTS WITH PASTOR JOE'S COMMENTARY IN THE BRACKETED, LIGHTER FACED TEXT.

A. Today's Text

Hebrews 11:20, NCV - ²⁰ It was by faith that Isaac blessed the future of Jacob and Esau.

Hebrews 11:20, TLB - ²⁰ It was by faith that Isaac knew God would give future blessings to his two sons, Jacob and Esau.

We have to understand Genesis Chapters 25-28:

1. God is sovereign. Genesis 25:19-23

Genesis 25:23, NASB95 - *"The older shall serve the younger."*

This story begins with God's sovereignty, not man's plans.

2. Isaac's family was broken. Genesis 25:24-28

Genesis 25:28, NASB95 - ²⁸ Now Isaac loved Esau, because he had a taste for game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Parental favoritism fuels deception and rivalry.

3. Esau despises his birthright. Genesis 25:29-34

Genesis 25:33, NASB95 - ³³ And Jacob said, "First swear to me"; so he [Esau] swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob.

4. God's plan cannot be stopped. Genesis 27:1-40

Genesis 27:1, NASB95 - ¹ Now it came about, when Isaac was old and his eyes were too dim to see, that he called his older son Esau and said to him....

Isaac intends to bless Esau. (27:1-4)

Jacob and his mom deceive Isaac who then receives the blessing. (27:18-29)

Isaac trembles when he realizes God has overruled his intentions. (27:33)

Even Esau's secondary blessing reflects God's sovereign plan. (27:39-40)

5. God shows up for Jacob at his lowest point. Genesis 28:10-22

Genesis 28:13, NASB95 - ¹³ And behold, the LORD [came to him] and said, "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants.

Jacob flees from Esau's anger. (28:10)

God appears at Bethel with covenant promises. (28:13-15)

Jacob responds with worship and commitment. (28:20-22)

Grace meets Jacob in the wilderness, not in his strength.

B. Application

Isaac shows us that God's plan stands even when His people stumble.
- Dr. Warren W. Wiersbe

Even though Isaac's family was messy and the circumstances were flawed, God's purposes stood firm.
- Dr. Thomas D. Lee

1. God is sovereign.

2. Human weakness cannot stop God's purposes.

3. We cannot always know God's ways.

Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." - John 13:7, NIV

4. Faith aligns with God's will, not our personal preferences.

5. Isaac's faith looked forward with the intent to bless.

6. God will meet you in your lowest moment.