

ThanksLiving
Week 3

Genesis 25:21-27²¹ Now Isaac pleaded with the LORD for his wife, because she *was* barren; and the LORD granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived. ²² But the children struggled together within her; and she said, “If *all is well*, why *am I like this?*” So she went to inquire of the LORD.

²³ And the LORD said to her:

“Two nations *are* in your womb,
Two peoples shall be separated from your body;
One people shall be stronger than the other,
And the older shall serve the younger.”

²⁴ So when her days were fulfilled *for her* to give birth, indeed *there were* twins in her womb. ²⁵ And the first came out red. *He was* like a hairy garment all over; so they called his name ^[d]Esau. ²⁶ Afterward his brother came out, and his hand took hold of Esau’s heel; so his name was called ^[e]Jacob. Isaac *was* sixty years old when she bore them.

²⁷ So the boys grew. And Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field; but Jacob was a ^[f]mild - **Hebrew word tam** man, dwelling in tents. ²⁸ And Isaac loved Esau because he ate *of his game*, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Hebrews 12:16 See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son.

Here are some things that you need to remember this morning about forgiveness:

1. Forgiving someone doesn’t mean they didn’t do something wrong.

Romans 12:19 My dear friends, don’t try to get even. Leave room for God to show his anger. It is written, “I am the God who judges people. I will pay them back,” ([Deuteronomy 32:35](#)) says the Lord.

2. Our unforgiveness hurts us more than the one who hurt us.

- Every sin is offensive to God, even the sin of unforgiveness.

Psalms 66:18 tells us, If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;

3. Unforgiveness hinders God’s desire to forgive us.

Matthew 6:14-15 For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

4. God's forgiveness is not only to us, but also those who sin against us.

Psalm 103:10-14 He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as ¹¹ For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. ¹² He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.

¹³ The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him.

¹⁴ For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust.

Ephesians 4:32 Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.