

“Walk in it”

Genesis 27

When Isaac was old and his eyes were so weak that he could no longer see, he called for Esau his older son and said to him, “My son.” “Here I am,” he answered.

2 Isaac said, “I am now an old man and don’t know the day of my death. **3** Now then, get your equipment—your quiver and bow—and go out to the open country to hunt some wild game for me. **4** Prepare me the kind of tasty food I like and bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my blessing before I die.”

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5 Now Rebekah was listening as Isaac spoke to his son Esau. When Esau left for the open country to hunt game and bring it back,

6 Rebekah said to her son Jacob, “Look, I overheard your father say to your brother Esau, **7** ‘Bring me some game and prepare me some tasty food to eat, so that I may give you my blessing in the presence of the Lord before I die.’ **8** Now, my son, listen carefully and do what I tell you: **9** Go out to the flock and bring me two choice young goats, so I can prepare some tasty food for your father, just the way he likes it. **10** Then take it to your father to eat, so that he may give you his blessing before he dies.”

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14 So he went and got them and brought them to his mother, and she prepared some tasty food, just the way his father liked it.

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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.”

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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.

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May God give you heaven’s dew
 and earth’s richness—
 an abundance of grain and new wine.

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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 you.
May those who curse you be cursed
 and those who bless you be blessed.”

- That day Isaac Blessed Jacob and not Esau...
- That Blessing was very real...
- Before Jacob could understand the meaning of it, it was at work...
- Before Jacob could understand the significance of it, it was at work...
- From that day on Jacob walked in the blessing of God...

This is the thing:

“Esau despised his birthright” **Genesis 25:34**

He treated his birthright as if it was nothing of importance...

In fact he gave up his birth right for a bowl of stew... **Genesis 25:33**

Thus he in a sense gave up his right to the blessing as the first born in the family...

What is a birthright:

The *birthright* involved both a material and a spiritual dynamic. The son of the birthright received a double portion of the inheritance, and he also became the head of the family and the spiritual leader upon the passing of the father.

i. *In the case of this family*, the birthright determined who would inherit the covenant God made with Abraham; the covenant of a land, a nation, and the Messiah.

- **Jacob longed for the Blessing of the Lord**

Jacob from that day on walked in the Blessing...

God began to bless everything he did, everywhere he went, everything he set his hand to & every plan that he made...

The manifestation of the Blessing began from that moment on to be evident in his life...

The very thing that Esau despised, Jacob desired...

- **Don't ever sell the blessing for a bowl of beans**

- **God wants to be wanted...**

He loves those who love him and earnestly seek Him...

In Bible says in:

Malachi 1:2,3

Romans 9:13

“Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

The Blessing of God is never to be taken for granted...

It is never to be treated as common or invaluable...

It is precious and to be cherished...

Jacob earnestly desired what Esau despised...

So God said, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

Even though Jacob desired the birthright and the blessing, I don't believe he fully understood just valuable it really was...

Story of the Painting in the Kitchen:

An elderly woman in France decided to sell her house so she invited an auctioneer to appraise the value of her belongings. She gave the auctioneer a week to determine what was worth saving and what was to be thrown to the dumpster. When the auctioneer noticed an old painting in the kitchen, he asked her where it came from. The lady said that the painting was already there as far as she could remember. Upon looking it up, the auctioneer discovered that the painting was a 13th century masterpiece by Italian artist Cenni De Pepo. It turned out the painting was part of a series consisting of 11 paintings that depicted the crucifixion of Jesus. The one in the lady's possession was called "Christ Mocked" which was estimated to be worth \$6.6M.

Perhaps the lady always appreciated and enjoyed the painting but never fully understood just how valuable it really was...

I believe this very thing happens in our lives in regard to the presence and blessing of God on our lives...

We appreciate and enjoy it but do we really understand just how valuable He really is?

Genesis 32

22 That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

23 After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. **24** So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. **25** When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as

he wrestled with the man. **26** Then the man said, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.”

But Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

27 The man asked him, “What is your name?”

“Jacob,” he answered.

28 Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.”

29 Jacob said, “Please tell me your name.”

But he replied, “Why do you ask my name?” Then he blessed him there.

30 So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.”

31 The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip. **32** Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the tendon attached to the socket of the hip, because the socket of Jacob’s hip was touched near the tendon.

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So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak.

- When you seek the Blessing long enough, eventually your going to meet the Blessor...

Vs. 27,28

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Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.”

- When Jacob encountered the blessing His destiny changed...
- When Jacob encountered the Blessor His Identity changed...

The Lord said, you will no longer be called deceiver, but (God-Wrestler)

Why would a person wrestle with God, unless they were convinced that he is good and only good can come from it...

Jacob must have been convinced somehow that only good can come from wrestling with God...

Note: When you do you will never walk the same...

Note: You will never want to walk the same...

Vs. 32

“...to this day the Israelites do not eat the tendon attached to the socket of the hip.”

Not only was it a reminder to Jacob but also to generations after him that Jacob met the Blessor...

Before Genesis 32 Jacob walked in the Blessing

After Genesis 32 Jacob walked in the Blessing and Relationship with the Blessor...

Because Jacob walked in the blessing, generation after him walked in it...

Closing:

Galatians 3

7 Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham.

8 Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.” 9 So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

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26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, 27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male

and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Because of Jesus you and I are heirs according to the promise...

Because of Jesus you and I can walk in the blessing...

Jesus is greater than Abraham

Jesus is greater than Isaac

Because of Jesus you are sons and daughters of God

Don't ever sell that for bowl of chili...

Don't ever sell that for anything...

Nothing in this world could ever compare the precious gift of the blessing of God and relationship with the Blessor...

Prayer:

Lord help us to remember the value of your blessing in our lives...

Lord I pray that we would encounter you and walk in the Blessing and Relationship with you...

Lord I pray that because of you we would walk different than the world...

I pray that our walk would stand out from rest...

I pray that our walk would effect not only us but generations of those after us...