

**Heroes: Isaac**  
***Hebrews 11:20***

**SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:**

**Philippians 1:6 (NIV):** <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

**MAIN POINT:**        **Be confident that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.**

**MAIN SCRIPTURE:**

**Hebrews 11:20 (NIV):** <sup>20</sup> By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future.

**SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:**

**Genesis 25:21-23 (NIV):** <sup>21</sup> Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. <sup>22</sup> The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

<sup>23</sup> The LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger."

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**Genesis 27:4-5a (NIV):** <sup>4</sup> "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." <sup>5</sup> Now Rebekah was listening as Isaac spoke to his son Esau.

**SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:**

**Genesis 27:8-13 (NIV):** <sup>8</sup> “Now, my son, listen carefully and do what I tell you: <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> Then take it to your father to eat, so that he may give you his blessing before he dies.”

<sup>11</sup> Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, “But my brother Esau is a hairy man while I have smooth skin. <sup>12</sup> What if my father touches me? I would appear to be tricking him and would bring down a curse on myself rather than a blessing.”

<sup>13</sup> His mother said to him, “My son, let the curse fall on me. Just do what I say; go and get them for me.”

**Abraham put his trust in God before his love for his son.  
Rebekah put her love for her son before her trust in God.**

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**SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:**

**Genesis 27:24 (NIV):** <sup>24</sup> “Are you really my son Esau?” he asked. “I am,” he replied.

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**Genesis 27:28-29 (NIV):** <sup>28</sup> “May God give you heaven’s dew and earth’s richness—an abundance of grain and new wine. <sup>29</sup> 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.”

**Manipulating in order to bring about God’s will is not the answer.**

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**Genesis 27:32-34 (NIV):** <sup>32</sup> His father Isaac asked him, “Who are you?” “I am your son,” he answered, “your firstborn, Esau.” <sup>33</sup> Isaac trembled violently and said, “Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and I blessed him—and indeed he will be blessed!”

<sup>34</sup> When Esau heard his father’s words, he burst out with a loud and bitter cry and said to his father, “Bless me—me too, my father!”

**SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:**

**Genesis 27:39-40 (NIV):** <sup>39</sup> His father Isaac answered him, “Your dwelling will be away from the earth’s richness, away from the dew of heaven above.

<sup>40</sup> You will live by the sword and you will serve your brother. But when you grow restless, you will throw his yoke from off your neck.”

**SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:**

**Genesis 27:41 (NIV):** <sup>41</sup> Esau held a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing his father had given him. He said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob.”

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**SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:**

**Genesis 28:3-4 (NIV):** <sup>3</sup> “May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and increase your numbers until you become a community of peoples. <sup>4</sup> May he give you and your descendants the blessing given to Abraham, so that you may take possession of the land where you now reside as a foreigner, the land God gave to Abraham.”

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