

“Two Troubling Appetites”

From the Series,
“Jacob 180”

Genesis 25:27-34
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TRANSFORMING TRUTH

Trends deceive. Traditions enslave. God's Truth transforms.

1. Two Very Different Brothers (27-28)

- a. Esau, the elder brother
 - i. Outdoorsman who worked with his hands
 - ii. A hunter
 - iii. His father's favorite son
- b. Jacob, the younger brother
 - i. An indoor man
 - ii. Quiet and reflective
 - iii. His mother's favorite son

2. One Transformational Moment (29)

“Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted.”

3. Two Distinct Hungers (30-34)

- a. Esau was driven by his impulse (30) - “And Esau said to Jacob, Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted! (Therefore his name was called Edom.)”
- b. Jacob was driven by his covetousness (31) - “Jacob said, Sell me your birthright now.”

- c. Esau lived for the moment (32) - "Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?"
- d. Jacob envisioned the future (33a) - "Jacob said, "Swear to me now." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob."
- e. Both brothers got what they desired (33b-34) - "Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright."