



“This account of Jacob and Esau’s reconciliation is another high point in Genesis...Such warmth after so many years of hatred makes this scene one of the most beautiful in Scripture.” –Gordon Wenham

“As soon as Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry...Esau said, ‘Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has cheated me these two times. He took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing’...And Esau lifted up his voice and wept...Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, ‘The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob.’” –Genesis 27

“There was no particle of self-reliance left in Jacob by the time God had finished with him. The nature of Jacob’s prevailing with God (Gen. 32:28) was simply that he held on to God while God weakened him and wrought in him a spirit of submission and self-distrust, till he came low enough for God to raise him by speaking peace to him and assuring him that he need not fear about Esau anymore.”

–J.I. Packer

“The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.” —Genesis 32:31

“Yet the very warmth of the welcome brought the new danger of false partnership and consequent diversion.” —Derek Kidner

“So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First, be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.” —Matthew 5:23-24

**“There is no doubt that parting from Esau was the right decision. Though now reconciled, they remained incompatible. Some of the most important decisions that Christians will make involve what not to do: where not to go, what job not to take, what school not to attend, what group not to associate with, and what person not to marry. The surest guides in such decisions are the clear commands and teachings of the Bible. In Jacob’s case, this meant turning west over the Jordan River to Canaan instead of Southeast with Esau.”
—Richard Phillips**

“God is the decisive actor and foundational factor in the drama-lest we think we are the heroes of our own lives.” —David Powlison

“Guilt and forgiveness are so eloquent in every movement of the mutual approach that our Lord could find no better model for the prodigal’s father at this point than Esau.” —Derek Kidner

**“But while he still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.”
—Luke 15:20**