

The Beginning of God's Story

Jacob and Esau



Hear It: Genesis 25, 27

Isaac and Rebekah had two sons. The oldest son was named Esau. He was large, strong, and a great hunter. He was Isaac's favorite. The youngest son was named Jacob. He was small and intelligent and liked to stay indoors. He was Rebekah's favorite. Esau didn't care about the fact that his family was specially chosen by God. He didn't care so much that he sold his birthright – the right and responsibility to carry on his families special relationship with God – to his younger brother Jacob for a bowl of soup!

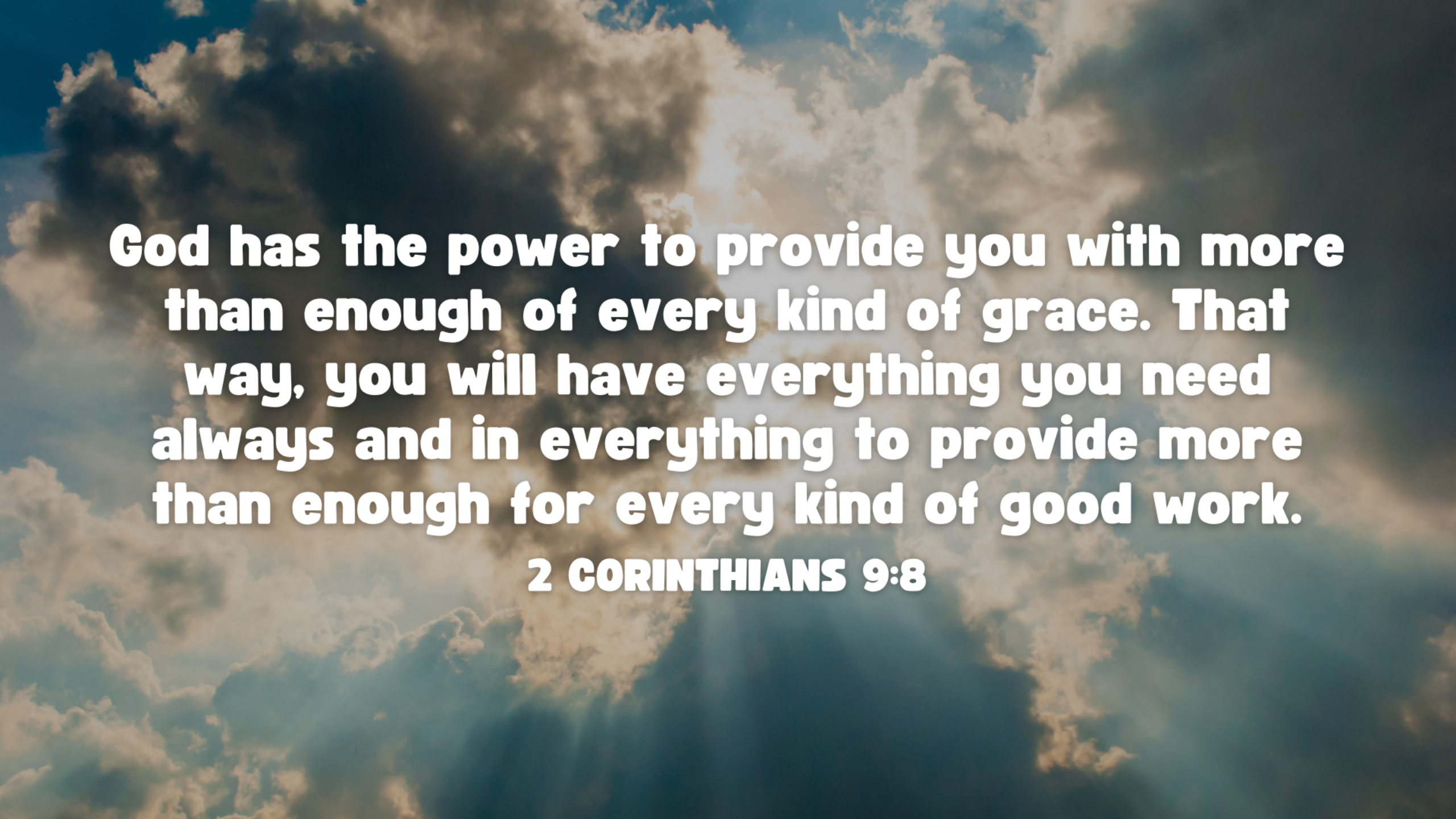
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When Isaac was old, he told Esau to go hunting to make him his favorite meal. He promised Esau after he ate he would bless Esau, passing on God's special relationship to Esau. Rebekah was listening in, and quickly ran to Jacob. She prepared Isaac's favorite meal and dressed Jacob in Esau's clothes to make him smell like Esau. After this, she sent Jacob in to bring Isaac food, telling him to lie to his father. Jacob went in and lied to his father, pretending to be Esau. Because Isaac couldn't see well, he smelled Jacob's clothing and ate his food and thought that he was Esau. Because of this, he blessed Jacob instead of Esau. When Esau came home and discovered this, he tried to kill Jacob. Jacob escaped and ran away.



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- Isaac and Rebekah had two sons named Jacob and Esau.
- Jacob was small and intelligent while Esau was big and strong.
- Esau didn't care about being part of God's family, selling his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of soup.
- Rebekah tricked Isaac by making Jacob pretend that he was Esau so that Isaac would bless Jacob instead of Esau.
- When Esau found this out, he tried to kill Jacob, but Jacob escaped.
- God's blessings aren't something to be traded away! They are something to be taken care of and treasured!



God has the power to provide you with more than enough of every kind of grace. That way, you will have everything you need always and in everything to provide more than enough for every kind of good work.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8

Reflection Questions

- What were the names of the two sons of Isaac and Rebekah?
Esau and Jacob.
- What were the differences between the two sons?
Esau was big and strong, Jacob was small and smart.
- What did Esau sell his birthright for?
A bowl of soup.
- What did Jacob do to trick Isaac?
He put on Esau's clothes to trick Isaac into thinking that he was Esau.

Challenge Question: How will you enjoy God's blessing this week?