

Lessons From A Dysfunctional Family

Family Business Series – Part 8

Hebrews 11:20

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Genesis 27:1–13

¹ One day when Isaac was old and turning blind, he called for Esau, his older son, and said, "My son." "Yes, Father?" Esau replied. ² "I am an old man now," Isaac said, "and I don't know when I may die.


³ Take your bow and a quiver full of arrows, and go out into the open country to hunt some wild game for me. ⁴ Prepare my favorite dish, and bring it here for me to eat. Then I will pronounce the blessing that belongs to you, my firstborn son, before I die."



⁵ But Rebekah overheard what Isaac had said to his son Esau. So when Esau left to hunt for the wild game, ⁶ she said to her son Jacob, "Listen. I overheard your father say to Esau, ⁷ 'Bring me some wild game and prepare me a delicious meal. Then I will bless you in the LORD's presence before I die.'

⁸ Now, my son, listen to me. Do exactly as I tell you. ⁹ Go out to the flocks, and bring me two fine young goats. I'll use them to prepare your father's favorite dish. ¹⁰ Then take the food to your father so he can eat it and bless you before he dies."

**11 "But look," Jacob replied to Rebekah,
"my brother, Esau, is a hairy man, and my
skin is smooth. 12 What if my father
touches me? He'll see that I'm trying to
trick him, and then he'll curse me instead
of blessing me."**



13 But his mother replied, "Then let the curse fall on me, my son! Just do what I tell you. Go out and get the goats for me!"-- (NLT)

Genesis 27:38

38 Esau said to his father, “Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me too, my father!” Then Esau wept aloud.-- (NIV)

Romans 2:11

11 For God does not show favoritism.



Hebrews 11:20

**²⁰ By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come.-
- (NASB)**

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Introduction:

A. It Begins Early On.

Genesis 25:21²¹ Isaac pleaded with the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was unable to have children. The LORD answered Isaac's prayer, and Rebekah became pregnant with twins. (NLT)

B. It Gets Worse When Children Arrive.

Genesis 25:22²² But the two children struggled with each other in her womb. So she went to ask the LORD about it. "Why is this happening to me?" she asked.

C. It Develops Into Full Blown Favoritism

Genesis 25:28²⁸ Esau would take the meat of wild animals to his father Isaac, and so Isaac loved him more, but Jacob was his mother's favorite son.-- (CEV)

D. It Results In Bitterness Later On.

Genesis 26:34–35³⁴ When Esau was forty years old, he took Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite to be his wife, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite, ³⁵ and they made life bitter for Isaac and Rebekah.-- (ESV)

1. The Failure of Dysfunctional Family.

A. It Begins With A Sensual Father.

Genesis 27:3–4³ Take your bow and a quiver full of arrows, and go out into the open country to hunt some wild game for me. ⁴ Prepare my favorite dish, and bring it here for me to eat. Then I will pronounce the blessing that belongs to you, my firstborn son, before I die.”-- (NLT)

Romans 8:5-7


⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.-- (ESV)

B. It Continues With A Scheming Mother.

Genesis 27:9–10⁹ Go to the flock and bring me two good young goats, so that I may prepare from them delicious food for your father, such as he loves. ¹⁰ And you shall bring it to your father to eat, so that he may bless you before he dies.”-- (ESV)

Genesis 25:22–23

²² . . . " So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³
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."-- (NIV)



C. It Results In A Sneaky Son.

Genesis 27:19¹⁹ 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."

Ephesians 1:3

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,-- (ESV)

D. It Results in a Sorrowful Brother.

Genesis 27:38³⁸ Esau said to his father, "Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me too, my father!" Then Esau wept aloud.-- (NIV)

2. The Faith of a Disciplined Father.

Hebrews 11:20²⁰ By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come.-- (NASB)

A. Isaac Was Convicted of His Actions.

Genesis 27:33³³ Then Isaac trembled very violently and said, "Who was it then that hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate it all before you came, and I have blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed."-- (ESV)

B. Isaac Was Corrected By The Lord.

**1 Corinthians 11:31–32³¹ But if we would examine ourselves, we would not be judged by God in this way. ³² Yet when we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned along with the world.--
(NLT)**

3. The Forecast of a Determined Future.

Genesis 28:1-4¹ So Isaac called for Jacob and blessed him and commanded him:

“Do not marry a Canaanite woman... .⁴

May he give you and your descendants the blessing given to Abraham, (NIV)





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