Genesis Chapter 27 Verses 1 – 4

* Now this is *strange* in a way because Isaac is seemingly **going against God’s choice.** God ***chose*** Jacob before he was born over Esau. The Lord had said to Rebekah back in Chapter 25, *“Two nations are in your womb, two peoples…one will be stronger than the other, and the older shall serve the younger.”* Esau was a real ***mental*** issue for Isaac. Back in Chapter 25 again, this time in verse 28 we read, *“Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.”* And so the implication here is that Esau was closer to his father than Jacob was and yet we read in the end of Chapter 26 that Esau and his Hittite wives were a ***grief*** to Isaac…and so this is a **real mess…**
* So *conflicted* and perhaps even a *little rebellious*, Isaac calls his son Esau and prepares him to receive the blessing of the first born…which at this time was **no doubt known** that he sold it for a bowl of beans…AND…that blessing would be in direct conflict to what God had said. MESSY…you know what though, a real life lesson here…consider for a second that Isaac ***didn’t*** do this. At the end of this chapter we are going to see Esau ***vow to kill*** his brother because of what’s about to happen…
* In a minute we’ll see Rebekah ***deceive*** her husband, ***coax*** her youngest son into doing wrong and we will see her betraying and undermining her other son. We will see Jacob lie and ***even invoke the name of God*** for credibility to his lie! We will see Esau ***groan*** in the pain of loss again at the hand of his younger brother but this time with the help of his *own mother* and we will see **Isaac looking like a fool.** ***Now, consider one minute if Isaac had not walked against the Word of God…would any of that had happened?*** You see, **sin takes much more** than it *threatens* and reaches much further than you would *ever expect…*

Genesis Chapter 27 Verses 5 – 10

* So the ***saga*** continues a bit here…it would appear that Isaac was intending to pass this blessing of the birthright onto Esau in *secrecy*…he doesn’t give Esau this direction in front of anyone, Rebekah simply overheard and Isaac tells Esau that his intention is to bless him not in the ***sight of his family or his mother or his brother*** but in the presence of the Lord…also…Jacob appears to come by his manipulative ways honest, right?

Genesis Chapter 27 Verses 11 – 12

* **What a mess of a statement.** *“Seem to be a deceiver to him?”* Dude, you **ARE** a deceiver! Here’s a crazy truth! He’s not worried about doing wrong or right, he’s worried about getting caught! What would the church look like if we just owned our sin…rather than feeling or thinking that as long as it is not openly revealed then it’s not reality? Many folks are entirely ***prideful*** and entirely ***hard hearted*** and they think they are hiding something. **HA!!!** Consider this…what good would it be for your husband or your sister in Christ or your ministry leader at church stopping you in the parking lot and saying, *“Hey Charles, you have a hard heart, you’re full of pride and everyone knows it!”*
* It *could* be good but man the fruit of the Spirit is **love** and *love suffers long and is kind…love does not behave rudely and does not seek its own*…and so we pray for you…but ***you’re hiding nothing*** and when that inward sin that you’re not dealing with because you think it is hidden, manifests itself outwardly against a brother or sister in Christ, then we deal with it for sure…
* Isaac says here, “*What if I shall seem to my father to be a deceiver?”* What about to God!? Church, Christians, folks that love God repent not because their sin is hurting their image or because their sin has been confronted openly but because they **have** sin in their hearts and **that sin is driving distance between them and the Lord**…You’re hiding nothing…not to me, not to him, her or them…and **certainly not to the Lord**. ***What would the church be like if we cast out our inner deceiver!??*** WOW.

Genesis Chapter 27 Verses 13 – 17

* This struck me as I went through it…we are told that Esau’s ***choice clothes*** which in the Hebrew means literally ***his most beloved clothes*** and then the text stays, *“which were in her house.”* Some time has passed since Esau and Jacob had their transaction…and it appears that things are at least ***civil***…they won’t be for long. Why bring this up?
* If you have folks in your life that you had a couple issues with sometime in the past, *perhaps at work, maybe at church or in your extended family*, and now things are ***civil***…things are ok…**protect that.** ***The second offense will be much worse than the first.*** It’s that *fool me twice* saying…be mindful of protecting the peace which has developed. Don’t throw away all of the work you both have put in…Jacob doesn’t think about that at all…his only thought, not right or wrong…***but will it work?***
* You know the worst part about that thought right there is that it doesn’t matter. God has already promised to bless Jacob. Isaac can proclaim blessings until he is *blue in the face*…if God doesn’t back it up then it’s **nothing.** ***Every character in this story is in error except for God.*** Isn’t it interesting like that!? Esau rushes to get the blessing, the birthright that he has already sold. Isaac seeks to bless the son that God has said will not be the one. Rebekah and Jacob are clearly in error…and ***in the end, exactly what God said will come to pass but instead of peace, there will be problems…***

Genesis Chapter 27 Verses 18 – 27

* Courson brings up a great point here…***Isaac is led into deception because he trusts his senses***…what he feels…it’s a very interesting point…he denies the word he hears…, *“This is the voice of Jacob,”* he said…and trusts what he feels and he ***ends up duped.*** It’s a good point…as ***what we can sense and what we feel boy that changes faster than the seasons in Colorado***…but the Word is never-changing…

Genesis Chapter 27 Verses 28 – 38

* You know, Jacob could have *given* him this…Jacob already had the birthright…he already had the promise from God that the older would serve the younger…it’s somewhat sad…Jacob could have allowed this to happen to soothe Esau’s troubled soul…would have made no difference materially but would have blessed his brother…instead we see Esau so very left out…put out…man I pray for a heart that doesn’t desire that for my friends…because then I will have a heart to serve…

Genesis Chapter 27 Verses 39 – 42

* From the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks (Luke 6:45) and we see here not only does this echo in Esau’s heart but he ***verbalized*** his intention as well…and isn’t it crazy that some folks wanting you to straight up drop dead *comforts* them? Man the depth of darkness that we are capable of in the flesh…

Genesis Chapter 27 Verses 43 – 46

* Note this as we finish up…in this chapter, **everyone lost.** Guzik says it this way, “*Each of the players schemed and maneuvered in human wisdom and energy, rejecting or not considering God’s Word and wisdom. God still accomplished His purpose, yet each of the participants suffered.”* Rebekah will **never** see Jacob again. He ends up staying in Haran for 20 years…Esau is overcome with darkness in his heart…Isaac plays the **complete fool**…and Jacob is driven from his home…and yet, they still go from point A to point B in accordance with God’s Word…
* The same will be for me and the same will be for you…God’s Word will be accomplished in my life…I know that…what He has said will come to pass, His Word is truth…and my choice in the matter is to ***get with the program*** and find love, joy, peace, strength of heart and character…or disregard His Word and His ways and end up ***driven from my home***…it didn’t have to end up this way. It had to end up here…with Jacob blessed, for sure…but it didn’t have to end up **this way…**