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Genesis 27

The Sinful Way I May Live

- Isaac: Relativistic values based on feelings and culture, he denies God's Truth.
Genesis 27:12, 22, 27; 25:23, 28; II Timothy 2:14-19
- Rebekah: Manipulator, works-oriented faith to accomplish God's Will.
Genesis 27:5-17; Galatians 3:3
- Jacob: Spiritual poser.
Genesis 27:12, 20

Because the LORD your God caused it to happen to me.
II Corinthians 4:1-5

- Esau: Impulsive selfish acts with no regard for consequences.
Genesis 25:29-34; I John 2:15-17

The Potential Consequences of a Sinful Lifestyle

- Stress _____ of fear and anxiety. Genesis 27:30-33
Then Isaac trembled violently
Philippians 4:4-8; I Peter 5:7-9
- Sorrow _____ over my loss. Genesis 27:34, 35
And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry
Hebrews 12:15-17
- Strife _____ in my relationships. Genesis 27:36-41
By your sword you shall live, And your brother you shall serve... So Esau bore a grudge against Jacob
Amos 1:11; II Corinthians 2:11; Ephesians 4:26, 27
- Separation : loss of intimacy with the Lord and each other. Genesis 27:44-46
Then I will send and get you from there. Why should I be bereaved of you both in one day?"
Proverbs 16:28; Genesis 4:10-16; Isaiah 59:2

What promise does our Lord make to us in Psalm 103:10-14? Have you claimed those words for your life?
Read Psalm 51:10-13 as your prayer to the Lord.

Digging Deeper

Read through this passage in one sitting and consider all the human struggling to fulfill personal desires. Notice that you never see the family together. They never stop to communicate with each other and seek the Lord's Word and will.

What does II Timothy 2:14-19 teach you about a life void of God's Word? Isaac should have known the truth of God's Word from Genesis 25:23, that God had given the blessing and birth-right to Jacob. Instead, he operated on his own feelings and love for Esau in denial of God's truth. In what ways do you see people today living that relativistic life, basing their actions and plan on what feels right rather than what God says in His Word?

Rebekah was a manipulator, working to achieve God's will in her own deceitful way. God does not need us to sin to accomplish His will. Read Galatians 3:3. What does this verse teach about our human efforts outside the power of God? Are you trying to achieve God's will in your own strength or God's strength? What does John 15:4, 5 teach you about the importance of abiding in Christ?

Jacob was a spiritual poser. Note his comment to Isaac in Genesis 27:20. ***Because the LORD your God caused it to happen to me.*** He uses a kind of "God talk" to make himself sound spiritual but in fact he was boldly lying to his own father. It is too easy to use spiritual talk and live a false spiritual life. What counsel does II Corinthians 4:1-5 give to you about living openly and authentically for Christ and His Word?

There were terrible consequences for these sinful ways. "You never find in sin what you enter sin to find."

The story of these two brothers is similar to that of Cain and Abel in Genesis 4. Cain murdered his brother and then experienced terrible consequences as a result.

Notice Cain's spiral down from his sin: Genesis 4

- Anger in vs. 6
- Depression in vs. 6
- Sin controlling in vs. 7
- Conflict and destruction in vs. 8
- Denial and cover up in vs. 9
- Loss of purpose in vs. 12
- Loss of intimacy with God in vs. 14, 16 ***"from Your face I will be hidden," "then Cain went out from the presence of the Lord."***
- Loss of intimacy with others in vs. 14 ***"I will be a vagrant"***
- Fear, anxiety in vs. 14 ***"whoever finds me will kill me"***

Remember how sin can destroy your life and many others with these consequences. Not every sin will cause these outcomes, nor do all who have these struggles have them because of sin. But, God reveals these painful consequences to help us move away from all sinful actions and remain close to His love, grace, strength, mercy and forgiveness.

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