

Message Notes



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In order to ensure consistency in our use of the Biblical text we are now using only the English Standard Version (ESV) in worship and sermons. The NIV 1984 version that was previously in the pews have been replaced with the English Standard Version.

Fascinating Stories of Forgotten Lives Esau – the Son Who Couldn't Win

A Couple Key Considerations

1. My purpose is more _____ than _____ – relationships and realities
2. We can't however ignore the _____, eternal _____ and _____, of God – His Sovereignty

These Twins Were and ARE a Big Challenge

Genesis 25:21-23

(Don't miss the design and purpose for each life at conception – if not before)

- The younger twin would be the father of God's covenant people. How that was to come about would be determined by the _____ and _____ of the people involved.
- Parental favoritism
 - Jacob = cultured, even-tempered, civilized, lived by his wits, shrewd, thought strategically
 - Esau = rugged, independent, passionate, lived on the land, gut instinct, gullible, impulsive
- Choices and Circumstances
 - Jacob was shrewd, but he was straight-up and open in this first instance
 - Esau despised something significant for the momentary satisfaction of his needs. Hebrews 12:16-17

A quick application or two

1 Corinthians 10:11-13

The Sinful Path to God's Plan

Genesis 27

- While God ordained the outcome, the people chose a sinful path to that outcome
- The blessing given
- The predicted outcome of Genesis 25:23 becomes unavoidable

What-ifs and Should-as

Some Practical Takeaways from a Dysfunctional Family

1. Esau – Beware of _____
2. Isaac and Rebekah – Don't play _____
3. Jacob – _____ is a longing in the heart of every person. Jacob had been guaranteed the covenant blessing before he was born, yet spent a lifetime conniving to gain it from his father.