Jacob and Esau: How to Create A Dysfunctional Family
Genesis 25:19-34
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Play Favorites With Your Kids!
Gen 25:28

• Isaac loved Esau; Rebekah loved Jacob
• Value one area of giftedness over another
• Keep important secrets from the other parent
Don’t Instill Godly Values
Gen 25:32-33

• Have just enough spirituality to inoculate them to the real thing
• Don’t train your children spiritually
• Teach them to “follow their own heart”

Jer 17:9 “The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?
Ps 119:11 “I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You.”
Creating a Healthy Family
Based on the “Birthright”

• Lead your family:
  
  Remember, this is NOT an equal partnership!

• De 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”
Creating a Healthy Family Based on the “Birthright”

• **Claim your spiritual inheritance**

Refuse to “sell” your inheritance for things

**Eph 1:18** I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints...

**Col 1:12** giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.
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- **Seek the special blessing of your Father Abraham to Isaac to Esau...**Jacob

Heb 12:16 See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son.
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• Take Responsibility for the Spiritual Leadership in your family

Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.
3 Challenges

• Not a follower of Jesus?
• As a Disciple of Jesus...
• As a Father...