

## DOES GOD NEED OUR HELP? ~ Genesis 26:34-28:9

### → Scripture Reading Genesis 27:1-4

**Genesis 25:22-23** (NIV) ...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**."

### Scene 1: ESAU'S PAGAN WIVES ~ Genesis 26:34-35

[34] When Esau was forty years old, he married Judith daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and also Basemath daughter of Elon the Hittite. [35] **They were a source of grief to Isaac and Rebekah.**

### Scene 2: ISAAC SECRETLY PROMISES TO BLESS ESAU ~ Genesis 27:1-4

[1] When Isaac was old and his eyes were so weak that he could no longer see, he called for Esau his older son and said to him, "My son." "Here I am," he answered. [2] Isaac said, "**I am now an old man and don't know the day of my death.**" [3] Now then, get your weapons - your quiver and bow - and go out to the open country to hunt some wild game for me. [4] Prepare me the kind of tasty food I like and bring it to me to eat, **SO THAT I may give you my blessing before I die.**"

### Scene 3: REBEKAH SCHEMES to GET the BLESSING for JACOB ~ Genesis 27:5-17

[5] Now Rebekah was listening **as Isaac spoke to HIS son Esau.** When Esau left for the open country to hunt game and bring it back, [6] Rebekah said to **HER son Jacob**, "Look, I overheard your father say to your brother Esau, [7] 'Bring me some game and prepare me some tasty food to eat, so that I may give you my blessing in the presence of the LORD before I die.'

### Scene 4: JACOB TRICKS HIS FATHER TO GET THE BLESSING ~ Genesis 27:18-29

[18] He went to his father and said, "My father." "Yes, my son," he answered. "**Who is it?**" [19] 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." [20] Isaac asked his son, "**How did you find it so quickly, my son?**" "The LORD your God gave me success," he replied. [21] Then Isaac said to Jacob, "**Come near so I can touch you, my son, to know whether you really are my son Esau or not.**" [22] Jacob went close to his father Isaac, who touched him and said, "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau."

[27] So he went to him and kissed him. When Isaac caught the smell of his clothes, he blessed him and said, "Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed. [28] **May God GIVE YOU** of heaven's dew and of earth's richness-- an abundance of grain and new wine. [29] May nations serve you and peoples bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may the sons of your mother bow down to you. May those who curse you be cursed and those who bless you be blessed."

### Scene 5: ESAU LAMENTS THE LOSS OF THE BLESSING ~ Genesis 27:30-41

[33] **Isaac TREMBLED VIOLENTLY and said, "Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and I BLESSED HIM - and indeed he will be blessed!"** [34] When Esau heard his father's words, he burst out with a loud and bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me - me too, my father!"

**Hebrews 11:20** (NIV) By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future.

#### **EVERYONE SINNED** Hughes

- Isaac REJECTED God's Word
- Rebekah MANIPULATED to secure God's Promise
- Jacob LIED and DECEIVED
- Esau DISREGARDED God's Word

## **EVERYONE WAS A LOSER** Hughes

- Isaac's **DISOBEDIENCE** tore his family apart
- Rebekah was forced to **SEND** Jacob away
- Jacob went **AWAY** to find a bride
- Esau **LOST FAVOR** with his parents

**There are NO HEROES in this story - ONLY SINNERS and Isaac was worst.** Hughes

[41] **Esau held a grudge against Jacob** because of the blessing his father had given him. He said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are near; **then I will kill my brother Jacob.**" [42] When Rebekah was told what her older son Esau had said, she sent for her younger son Jacob and said to him, "Your brother Esau is consoling himself with the thought of killing you. [43] Now then, my son, do what I say: **Flee at once to my brother Laban in Haran.**

### **Scene 6: ISAAC SENDS JACOB AWAY TO FIND A WIFE ~ Genesis 28:1-9**

[1] So Isaac called for Jacob and **BLESSED** him and **COMMANDED** him: "**Do not marry a Canaanite woman.** [2] **Go AT ONCE to Paddan Aram**, to the house of your mother's father Bethuel. Take a wife for yourself there, from among the daughters of Laban, your mother's brother. [3] **May God Almighty bless you** and make you **FRUITFUL** and increase your numbers until you become a community of peoples. [4] May he give you and your descendants the blessing given to Abraham, so that you may take possession of the land where you now live as an alien, the land God gave to Abraham."

### **APPLICATION**

### **TAKE AWAY??**

**Daniel 4:34-35** (NIV) At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever. His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation. [35] All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. **HE DOES AS HE PLEASES** with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. **NO ONE CAN HOLD BACK HIS HAND** or say to him: "What have you done?"

### **GOD IS SOVEREIGN HE...**

- cannot be **THWARTED**
- cannot be **STOPPED**
- does **NOT** need our **HELP**
- does **NOT** want our **ADVICE**