



The Notes

Building A Better You For A Brighter Tomorrow

Part 5: “Born Identity vs. Born Legacy” (cont.)

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“When the time came, Rebekah gave birth to twins. The first baby was born red. Since his skin was like a hairy robe, he was named Esau. When the second baby was born, he was holding on to Esau’s heel, so that baby was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when they were born. When the boys grew up, Esau became a skilled hunter. He loved to be out in the fields. But Jacob was a quiet man and stayed among the tents. Isaac loved Esau because he hunted the wild animals that Isaac enjoyed eating. But Rebekah loved Jacob. One day Jacob was boiling a pot of vegetable soup. Esau came in from hunting in the fields, weak from hunger. So Esau said to Jacob, ‘Let me eat some of that red soup, because I am weak with hunger.’ (That is why people call him Edom.) But Jacob said, ‘You must sell me your rights as the firstborn son.’ Esau said, ‘I am almost dead from hunger. If I die, all of my father’s wealth will not help me.’ But Jacob said, ‘First, promise me that you will give it to me.’ So Esau made a promise to Jacob and sold his part of their father’s wealth to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and vegetable soup, and he ate and drank, and then left. So

Esau showed how little he cared about his rights as the firstborn son.”

Genesis 25:24-34 (NCV)

I CAN CHANGE MY LIFE SO THAT I CAN CHANGE MY LEGACY BY...

1. ...RESISTING THE TEMPTATION TO TAKE SHORTCUTS TO THE LIFE I WANT.

“One day Jacob was cooking some stew. Esau came in from the open country. He was very hungry. He said to Jacob, ‘Quick! I’m very hungry! Let me have some of that red stew!’ That’s why he was also named Edom. Jacob replied, ‘First sell me the rights that belong to you as the oldest son in the family.’ ‘Look, I’m dying of hunger,’ Esau said. ‘What good are those rights to me?’ But Jacob said, ‘First promise to sell me your rights.’ So Esau promised to do it. He sold Jacob all the rights that belonged to him as the oldest son.”

Genesis 25:29-33 (NIRV)

“Wait and trust the Lord. Don’t be upset when others get rich or when someone else’s plans succeed.”

Psalms 37:7 (NCV)

2. ...CHOOSING RELATIONSHIPS THAT CHALLENGE ME INSTEAD OF INDULGE ME.

“Rebekah was listening as Isaac said this to his son Esau. She said to her son Jacob, ‘Listen, I heard your father saying to your brother Esau, ‘Kill an animal and prepare some tasty

food for me to eat. Then I will bless you in the presence of the LORD before I die.' So obey me, my son, and do what I tell you. Go out to our goats and bring me two of the best young ones. I will prepare them just the way your father likes them. Then you will take the food to your father, and he will bless you before he dies.' But Jacob said to his mother Rebekah, 'My brother Esau is a hairy man, and I am smooth! If my father touches me, he will know I am not Esau. Then he will not bless me but will place a curse on me because I tried to trick him.' So Rebekah said to him, 'If your father puts a curse on you, I will accept the blame. Just do what I said. Go get the goats for me.'"

Genesis 27:5-13 (NCV)

"In the same way that iron sharpens iron, a person sharpens the character of his friend."

Proverbs 27:17 (TVB)

3. ... _____ TO THE
FAILURES I'M TEMPTED TO

_____.

"Rebekah heard about Esau's plan to kill Jacob. She sent for Jacob and said to him, 'Listen, your brother Esau is planning to kill you. So, son, do what I say. My brother Laban is living in Haran. Go to him and hide. Stay with him for a short time until your brother stops being angry.'"

Genesis 27:42-44 (ERV)

“So own up to your sins to one another and pray for one another. In the end, you may be healed. Your prayers are powerful when they are rooted in a righteous life.”

James 5:16 (TVB)

4. ..._____ **AS LONG AS**
NECESSARY TO CONQUER THE
_____ **ME.**

“A man came and fought with Jacob until just before daybreak. When the man saw that he could not win, he struck Jacob on the hip and threw it out of joint. They kept on wrestling until the man said, ‘Let go of me! It’s almost daylight.’ ‘You can’t go until you bless me,’ Jacob replied. Then the man asked, ‘What is your name?’ ‘Jacob,’ he answered. The man said, ‘From now on, your name will no longer be Jacob. You will be called Israel, because you have wrestled with God and with men, and you have won.”

Genesis 32:24-28 (CEV)

“I don’t understand myself at all, for I really want to do what is right, but I can’t. I do what I don’t want to—what I hate. I know perfectly well that what I am doing is wrong, and my bad conscience proves that I agree with these laws I am breaking. But I can’t help myself because I’m no longer doing it. It is sin inside me that is stronger than I am that makes me do these evil things. I know I am rotten through and through so far as my old sinful nature is concerned. No matter which way I turn I can’t make myself do right. I want to but I can’t. When I want to do good, I don’t; and when I try not to do wrong, I

do it anyway. Now if I am doing what I don't want to, it is plain where the trouble is: sin still has me in its evil grasp."

Romans 7:15-20 (TLB)

"So kill your earthly impulses: loose sex, impure actions, unbridled sensuality, wicked thoughts, and greed (which is essentially idolatry)."

Colossians 3:5 (TVB)

5. ... _____ **THE KIND OF WALK THAT LEADS TO A _____ LEGACY.**

"The man saw that he was not winning the fight against Jacob. So he hit Jacob's hip while they were fighting. In that way, Jacob's hip moved out of its proper place... Jacob himself went out in front of (his family) and bowed down flat on the ground seven times as he was walking toward his brother."

Genesis 32:25 (EASY); **33:3** (NCV)