

the MESSY LIFE of JACOB

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GENESIS 27:19-34

¹⁹Jacob 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.” ²⁰Isaac asked his son, “How did you find it so quickly, my son?” “The LORD your God gave me success,” he replied. ²¹Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Come near so I can touch you, my son, to know whether you really are my son Esau or not.” ²²Jacob 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.” ²³He did not recognize him, for his hands were hairy like those of his brother Esau; so he proceeded to bless him. ²⁴“Are you really my son Esau?” he asked. “I am,” he replied. ²⁵Then he said, “My son, bring me some of your game to eat, so that I may give you my blessing.” Jacob brought it to him and he ate; and he brought some wine and he drank. ²⁶Then his father Isaac said to him, “Come here, my son, and kiss me.” ²⁷So 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;
²⁸May God give you heaven’s dew,
and earth’s richness –
an abundance of grain and new wine.
²⁹May 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.”

³⁰After Isaac finished blessing him, and Jacob had scarcely left his father’s presence, his brother Esau came in from hunting. ³¹He too prepared some tasty food and brought it to his father. Then he said to him, “My father, please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing.” ³²His father Isaac asked him, “Who are you?” “I am your son,” he answered, “your firstborn, Esau.” ³³Isaac 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!” ³⁴When 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!”

RENEWAL: Describe a time when words impacted you deeply. Is there someone in your life whose words carry more weight than others? Are there words you have spoken that you wish you could take back? In what ways can you learn to forgive yourself? In order to live out your true identity, what steps can you take to share your weaknesses, struggles and flaws?





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