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[0 : 00] Three weeks off Genesis. We're going to be here this week and next. And then we have the treat on the 18th.

! Brooke Seekins is going to be here. So she'll present for both hours on the 18th. But we'll get along here with Isaac and Rebecca and Jacob and Esau.

They don't seem to get along real well, but we'll see a little bit about that. Let's, well, good morning. Good morning. I made them come first. Oh, you made them come in. First. Thank you. She went out into the highways and the byways and compelled them.

That's not out of context at all, is it? Okay. Enough of that, Sherry. Yeah.

[1 : 17] Dave Campbell, would you ask God's blessing on our time this morning? Father, thank you for our time together here. The ability to see the way that we've got.

Thank you for all of the people here that support this ministry. Amen. Thank you for your prayer for those around us and thanks for the love of your grace. Amen.

Especially for your grace and mercy. Okay. We left off at verse 20, with verse 29.

We're approaching after that, chapter 27 at verse 30. Look at those 10, 11 verses there, 30 through 40.

And we'll recap and then get a launch. You remember where we were.

[2 : 27] I've hardly let some of you even get your reading glasses on, but let's recap where we were three weeks ago, if we can remember that. In fact, let's go back a little longer.

So, Esau goes a-hunting, right? Okay, I'm going way back on here.

Esau goes a-hunting and he comes in famished. Well, he went hunting to kill something. Well, I'm going back further than that.

I'm going back further than the blessing. We're going back to the birthright. So, under their tradition, the birthright went to whom?

The eldest son. What did the birthright mean? Yeah, in this case, with two boys, it meant two-thirds of the inheritance. He got a double portion.

[3 : 36] So, in this case, Esau would have had the receipt of two-thirds of all the inheritance of Isaac and Rebekah.

And Jacob would have had a third. So, Esau goes on. He comes in. He's really hungry. And he said, if I don't eat now, I'm going to die. So, give me some of your soup.

Jacob had a meal ready already. What did Jacob say to him? Sell me your birthright.

And Esau made a decision. You know somebody who makes decisions like this. Well, if I don't get what I want right this minute, I don't care what the future holds.

Really, that's the core of the way we're trying.

[5 : 02] What do I want to say? People say, well, you deserve this. You deserve that. You deserve this new car.

Right. And, by the way, I can help you get it. Because I'll give you a loan for eight years. Of course, the car, you know, you're going to pay three times what the car is worth.

But, you know, I'll help you get it now. And you don't have to wait. So, Esau makes the same decision.

Well, and look. Realistically, is that not what abortion really is about? Except on a grand scale in that I want the pleasures of marriage, but I don't want any of the responsibility.

So, I'm... And in that case, I'm going to kill my child. Because I don't want to have to take care of them. So, this isn't anything new to us.

[6 : 15] In that environment, at that time, did it have been legal? So, the state for this few boys to negotiate what the father told us?

I don't know. Apparently, it was. Because Isaac knew about it. But... Now, we're going to see where...

I don't want to jump ahead. I'm going to stop. Isaac knew about what? Isaac knew about the sale of the birthright. Because as we're going to approach it today, Esau is going to...

Hey, he supplanted me these two times. You've just read that. So, anyway. Yes? Yes? So, you're telling me that Isaac knew about the sale of the birthright before he gave the blessing?

I don't know that. No, I'm not saying that. Where are you saying? I'm saying that Isaac did know about the birthright when... When... Esau...

[7 : 29] Esau... got angry... about the blessing having gone. So, it was afterwards.

Maybe. But... Well, that's just what you said. It was afterwards. Okay. I don't know if it was afterwards or before. But Esau...

or Isaac did know about it. So, if it was... It wasn't like Isaac was completely ignorant of everything. Now, we're jumping ahead a little bit, but... back to the birthright. So... Esau...

In Hebrews, Esau is called a profane man. Or some translations say godless. But... He's a profane man who sold his birthright for a pot of soup.

[8 : 29] And... the idea is... The idea is that... Esau wanted... what he wanted right then.

Now... After we get into this, you're going to see that he blames Jacob for having deceived him. But he deceived himself. So...

Then... Sometime later... And I don't know if this is written exactly chronologically.

But you see there at the end of chapter 26, what do you read? It's something about Esau. I think it's at the end of 26, isn't it?

Yeah. He married a couple of Hittite women. Which... Which were what? A grief...

[9 : 38] To his parents. His parents were grieved that he did that. Was that at the end of 26? 26?

Okay. Sometimes I get my...

Verses there mixed. But... Even so... Then Isaac calls Esau... To go hunting again.

This time Isaac asks for him... To go hunting. By the way... By the way... And as we approach...

Mother's Day and Father's Day...

It's well that... That... We remember some of this stuff. Because... Isaac... Was grieved...

That Esau... Had married these... Pagan women... The... For whatever they were doing...

[10 : 40] They were a grief to their in-laws... Nevertheless... He says to his son... His favorite son...

Go get me some venison...

Fix me up a meal... I'll give you a blessing. Now... Esau goes out... Rebecca...

Here's this... Family business, right? So Rebecca... Says... Esau's gone out hunting... You go fetch me a couple of kids... What's she gonna do?

She's gonna cook them up... She's gonna... She's gonna dress him in... Esau's clothes... She's gonna put Harry... On his arms and neck...

So that if his father... Who's blind... Touches him... He's gonna think he's touching Esau... That's the plan... Did it work? Apparently it worked... And...

[11 : 49] So Isaac... Delivers the blessing... Now... What did the blessing entail?

That's in... 27... Just before where we're beginning... It'll be verses 28 and 29 there...

Go ahead... May God give you the dew of the earth... And the fatness of the earth... And the dew of heaven... And the fatness of the earth... And abundance of grain... Okay...

God bless you abundantly...! With... The natural blessings... The dew... And the fatness of the earth... And the...

And a good harvest... May people serve you... And nations bow down to you... Be master of your brothers... And may your mother's sons... Bow down to you... So it's to those who...

[12 : 59] Okay... Hang on... Just a moment... So now we get into it... Don't we? Now... This blessing also includes...

A prophecy of sorts... Doesn't it? It's not just a blessing... But it's a prophecy of sorts... May nations do what? May nations do what?

Bow down to you... Now... Has that happened yet? A little bit... In the... In the... Realm of... David and Solomon...

But not very much fulfilled... Has it been? Will it be? Well... Is there a king going to reign...

On the throne of David? Not yet... But... Will it be? Yes... And will nations bow down? Then they will...

[14:05] Go on... And your brothers do what? Serve you... Okay... Be subservient... Will that happen? Yes... In fact... It's already happened... That one's over... It's over... Go on... That sounds like what? That sounds like the Abrahamic promise... Okay... So... That's the blessing... Now... Let's start... Chapter 27... Verses 30... 34... Especially... So... Had scarcely... Left... Esau... Got back... From hunting... Transpires? Esau... [15:11] Comes home... Okay... He prepares the venison... Takes it to his dad... Takes it to his dad... And says... He prepares the venison... Takes it to his dad... And says... And says... Hey dad... Eat... What's Isaac say? Hey dad... Eat... What's Isaac say? Who are you? Well... I'm Esau... Your eldest son... Notice how this is reiterated... I'm your eldest son... Okay... Now... What happens? What happens? I'm sorry? Isaac trembled... He has a visceral reaction... Now... Whether I understand it or not... [16:16] There's something about this blessing... That Isaac cannot rescind... Right? Because... Even though... He was tricked... What does he say? Well... Let's back up a little bit... And... Look at verse... 33... I have blessed him and... He shall be blessed... Okay... What's... Esau's... Reaction? Ha ha ha... He was upset... All right... And he says... Bless me... Even me... My father... Okay... And what's Isaac say? [17:16] Your brother came... And tricked me... And took away your blessing... Now... He has just said... He's going to be blessed... I can't rescind it... However God uses this... I don't... I don't... I cannot... In man's thinking... Align it... Frankly... Because it doesn't seem fair... Does it? And I remind myself... And I was just reading again... Through 11... And at the end of 11... There's a... A doxology... In Romans 11... The depth... Of the wisdom... Of God... Who has... Given to him... That he should be repaid... Who's ever been his counselor? [18:22] Well... My salvation... Doesn't seem fair either... Does it? And I am glad... And I am glad... Because if I got treated fairly... I'm in trouble... And I don't... I don't mean that flippantly... I mean I'm in trouble... Eternal trouble... But God didn't treat me fairly... He treated me with grace... And with mercy... I am so grateful... For that... So... Anyway... Here we are... And... And... He says... I've blessed him... He will be blessed... It seems to be... That this blessing... Is in God's plan... Because... He chose... Jacob over Esau... When they were still in the womb... [19:27] We understand that... Both from the Old Testament... And from the New... So... We understand that... Through the Apostle Paul... That... God chose Esau... Or... Jacob rather... Over Esau... Before they were born... If it's in God's plan... Isaac cannot rescind it... I don't know if he could have legally... Rescinded it or not... But he can't... If Isaac knew... What God had told Rebekah... About the twins... Remember... God had told them... That the younger would serve... The older would serve the younger... God told... Rebecca that... If Isaac knew that... But was still trying to go around... [20:34] God's plan... I'm going to help him out with this... Obviously God doesn't... Now I'm never tempted that way... To think that God doesn't know what he's doing... My case, Lord... Is a little different than that... You know... It's at that time... I don't read 1 Corinthians... Where it says... No trial has ever taken you... But such as is... Common to man... And God will not allow anything... To come into my life... And this is a... A rough paraphrase... That has not first passed through his loving... Hand... But will with that... Trial... Make a way of escape... That you can bear up under it... Now I don't always want to bear up under it... Frankly... I like the way of escape... I'm not liking the baron so much...

[21 : 35] But that's not what he promises... He says... I'm going to get you through this... I'm going to get you through this... In fact... I'm going to bring you through it so well...

That on the other side... When you enter eternity... You are unable now... To even comprehend... What I have in store for you...

Now... I remind myself... Or I try to remind myself... When I'm reading this in Genesis...

That Esau... Did not take that approach... Esau wanted his... Soup... Not his birthright...

I want heaven... I don't need... Right now... I like it... It has been said...

[22 : 35] Everybody wants to go to heaven... Nobody wants to make the trip... There's a lot of truth in that... We do... The body hangs on... Doesn't it?

But I try to remind myself... The Lord has in store... Look what he's already done... Look what he's already done... We have...

All blessings... In the heavenlies... Anyway... That wasn't planned... Let's get back here... Now... Whether he...

Whether Isaac... Knew of the plan... And tried to... End around it... Or if he was ignorant of the plan... Did he...

Succeed in going... In stopping what God's plan was? Was God's plan... Thwarted... In this instance?

[23 : 41] Well that's an easy answer... Who had God say... Who did God say... That... Abraham's...

Promise... That is the promise... Given to Abraham... By God... What was it going to come through? It was going to come through Jacob... Did that get circumvented?

Did it get stopped? What does man do... There it is... I can take great comfort in that...

Now... I may not understand... How all that worked... But I don't understand... How everything works in my life either... And I have a pretty easy life...

But I still know that Romans chapter 8... That's a rhetorical question... It does... Because who said it did?

[24 : 51] Who said it did? God did... And God said... I am not a man... That I should lie...

Or repent... God... God said... Look... I'm going to allow you... A lot of room...

To goof up... But you're not going to change my plan... I can make a lot of dumb stuff... But God's not going to... It's not going to... The plan of God...

Though every man on earth... Turned against him... Nothing... Yeah... A man's stupid...

Nebuchadnezzar... Learned that... We just got through... Studying in Daniel... Remember when Nebuchadnezzar said... I...

[25 : 53] He starts out and he said... I thought it... It was appropriate for me to send this note... To all my subjects... Throughout all the empire... That the God of heaven is sovereign...

Over the affairs of men... And then he began to say... How he knows that... Because... I had this dream... And Daniel interpreted this dream... And it said...

Look... All this stuff... I've given you... And you're all this great tree... Under which all the beasts...

Feast... And all the birds live... And...

I gave it to you... And then I walked out... Oh... And in the dream then... People cut the tree down... Hey Daniel...

Interpret this for me... And Daniel said... That this was your enemies... And not you king... Because I'll tell you... What's going to happen... You're going to get boastful...

[26 : 58] And then God's going to humble you... And you're going to be a beast... For... Seven years... And... After seven years... Your mind's going to return...

You're going to have learned your lesson... And then you'll be restored... And what happened?

Nebuchadnezzar said... That's exactly what happened... I walked out onto my... Palace...

Boy... Isn't this a great city... Look what I've done... And my mind left me... And they drove me out from then... And I lived seven years...

Like an animal... And after seven years... He said... I realized... That the God of heaven... Is sovereign over the affairs of men...

And my sense returned... I got my mind back... It's kind of like Romans chapter 1... Isn't it? God gave them over to a depraved mind...

[27 : 59] Because they didn't regard him as God... All the sin in the world... Is really a result... That God has allowed...

Okay. That's a fulfillment of the prophecy we just heard. Now, that's becoming servants of his brother.

Then go to 2 Kings 8, verses 16 through 22. See, in the time of David, the kingdom was secure. The kingdom of Israel. And united. In the time of Solomon, because of David, God said, the kingdom was secure and united.

[36 : 17] However, because of Solomon, what was going to happen? It was going to split.

Oh, by the way, back to Esau's choice of wives. And multiple wives, by the way. But, what did God tell Israel when they entered Canaan?

We're getting in the time machine. Don't you marry them. Don't you do that. Why? Because they'll draw your hearts away.

Solomon loved many women, it says. And they drew his heart from following God. He built them temples and high places all over the place for idolatry.

Now, God spared Israel because of David during Solomon's life. But he told Solomon, well, he said, because of this, the kingdom's going to be divided after you.

[37 : 32] Was it? Yes, that's where we are in 2 Kings. Okay. The kingdom is now divided. In the fifth year of Joram, the son of Ahab.

One of the, not one of the nicer guys. Jehoram, the son of Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, began to reign.

So, we're split here. 32 years old when he began. Verse 18. And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel and did as, or, and as the house of Ahab.

For the daughter of Ahab was his wife. And he did evil in the sight of the Lord. Verse 20 we'll jump down to. In his days, what?

Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah and made a king over themselves. A fulfillment of Isaac's prophecy, if you will, in this blessing to Esau.

[38 : 46] That might not be a. And if you go on down to verse 22, it says that they were still in revolt to this day.

Now, they were prophesied against later. And God said he was going to wreck Edom.

Which he did. But that's the end. We're going to leave them now and get back to Genesis, God willing, next week.

Have a great week.