Family Feud: The Cost of Drama and Deception

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INTRODUCTION

- Like many good stories, Jacob and Esau's story begins with a miraculous conception, but even more so a prophecy.
- Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided. The one shall be stronger than the other. The older shall serve the younger.

1 Motherhood Is a Sacrifice

1 Timothy 2:15; Genesis 2:24

- It's a sacrifice, it's a risk bringing a baby into this world.
- That's the calling of motherhood is to then have a child and to raise that child and then sacrifice that child to the world so that they can sacrifice themselves to the Lord.
- The good mother lets it happen. Because it's the only way that the child will grow and develop and mature.

2 Be Careful About Trying to Force the Hand of Fate

- Be careful about trying to force the hand of fate.
- And that's why the importance of faith comes in. She can't see how this is all going to work out, even though she knows the prophecy.
- Sometimes it's forcing our cultural paradigms on our children in ways that are actually not beneficial or healthy.

3 Obey My Voice: Selfishness Inflicts Pain

- The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.
- Obey my voice. Remember that phrase. She says it multiple times.
- His mother is slowly manipulating him and convincing him to deceive his own father.
- Isaac and Rebecca's home, make no mistake, is not a safe place.
- Selfishness inflicts pain on others, sometimes in a way that's very hard in the moment for us to even see.

4 Notice the Ripple Effect of Sin

- We need to notice the ripple effect of sin.
- Even things that nobody even notices can affect the people around me.

- Isaac lies just like his father lies. Rebecca is deceitful and manipulative just like her brother Laban.
- You better be aware of what the baggage is. And make sure you're willing to carry it with your spouse if you choose to marry them.

5 You Can't Blame Them for It

- I must bear the consequences for my action.
- Rebecca, you can't take his curse. And mothers, you can't take your children's curse.
- Ultimately, I and you, we make the choices that we make. And we are accountable.

6 God Is Able to Redeem What Is Dysfunctional

- God is able to redeem what is dysfunctional. God can work in redeeming me in my mess and you in your mess.
- Now the weeping is not one of anguish, but one of joy.
- She keeps those things in her heart, and she lets her son be a man.
- We must let them go. And let them fight and struggle and suffer. So they develop their own faith and their own love.

THE CHALLENGE

He calls us to follow him, to die to self and to be resurrected to newness of life.

MY NOTES