

THE GOD WHO SOFTENS HEARTS

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Surprising Lessons From Jacob & Esau

23 And the Lord told her, “The sons in your womb will become two nations. From the very beginning, the two nations will be rivals. One nation will be stronger than the other; and your older son will serve your younger son.”

Genesis 25:21-26 NLT

No Clear Winners Or Losers

27 As the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter. He was an outdoorsman, but Jacob had a quiet temperament, preferring to stay at home.

28 Isaac loved Esau because he enjoyed eating the wild game Esau brought home, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Genesis 25:27-34 NLT

Correcting Yourself In The Middle Of Doing Wrong Will Bring You Freedom From Sins Control

2 “I am an old man now,” Isaac said, “and I don’t know when I may die. **3** Take your bow and a quiver full of arrows, and go out into the open country to hunt some wild game for me. **4** Prepare my favorite dish, and bring it here for me to eat. Then I will pronounce the blessing that belongs to you, my firstborn son, before I die.”

5 But Rebekah overheard what Isaac had said to his son Esau. So when Esau left to hunt for the wild game, **6** she said to her son Jacob, “Listen. I overheard your father say to Esau, **7** ‘Bring me some wild game and prepare me a delicious meal. Then I will bless you in the LORD’s presence before I die.’ **8** Now, my son, listen to me. Do exactly as I tell you. **9** Go out to the flocks, and bring me two fine young goats. I’ll use them to prepare your father’s favorite dish. **10** Then take the food to your father so he can eat it and bless you before he dies.”

Genesis 27:1-29 NLT

Could There Be A Blessing Coming From An Unexpected Place In Your Life?

9 Then Jacob prayed, “O God of my grandfather Abraham, and God of my father, Isaac—O LORD, you told me, ‘Return to your own land and to your relatives.’ And you promised me, ‘I will treat you kindly.’ **10** I am not worthy of all the unfailing love and faithfulness you have shown to me, your servant.

When I left home and crossed the Jordan River, I owned nothing except a walking stick. Now my household fills two large camps! **11** O LORD, please rescue me from the hand of my brother, Esau. I am afraid that he is coming to attack me, along with my wives and children. **12** But you promised me, ‘I will surely treat you kindly, and I will multiply your descendants until they become as numerous as the sands along the seashore—too many to count.’”

Genesis 32:3-21 NLT

Jacob Wrestles With God

24 This left Jacob all alone in the camp, and a man came and wrestled with him until the dawn began to break. **25** When the man saw that he would not win the match, he touched Jacob’s hip and wrenched it out of its socket. **26** Then the man said, “Let me go, for the dawn is breaking!” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

Genesis 32:22-28 NLT

Despite Jealousy, Rivalry, Favoritism, Deception, Anger And Discord Surround Us, God Is On Our Side.

6 So we can say with confidence, “The LORD is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?”

Hebrews 13:6 NLT