



**"Loving the IMMEDIATE more than the FUTURE...Esau!"**

Genesis 25:29-34

**1. Esau had so much going for him! What did Esau fail on? He failed to SEE the BIG PICTURE!**

- He loved the great outdoors. He was a skillful hunter. He was in God's country every day! Yet, he never saw the BIG PICTURE of the blessing that God had given to him!
- **His problem** – He just lived for the PRESENT, and solely depended on his own strength and resources.
- **Esau fell to a temptation of the flesh.** The flesh ALWAYS is about the **NOW**...the IMMEDIATE and does not think of the future! **Proverbs 29:18**

**2. Esau lived for the HERE and NOW, yet was convinced that tomorrow would not happen.**

- We must always remember that what we do TODAY effects our TOMORROW!
- The ripple effect of some sins are short after forgiveness. The ripple effects of others sins can be with you a lifetime...even after forgiveness.
- So, the lesson, is to not live for the IMMEDIATE, but to make every decision based on tomorrow's outcome! **Lamentations 3:22-23**

**3. Esau treated the GIFT that God gave to him like nothing! (His Birth Right!)**

- *When you take things into your own hands, you will always create a mess!*
- Ezra chapters 6, 7 and 8, shows us that **Ezra's SUCCESS was because of one thing...God's Gracious Hand upon his life!** You NEVER see Ezra go outside of what God asked!
- **Ezra 7:6**

**4. Esau chose SHORTSIGHTENESS rather than LONGEVITY!**

- When he chose this, he gave up the ULTIMATE for the IMMEDIATE!
- **2 Peter 1:5-9**

**5. Esau, favored by his earthly father, thought that his father would bail him out of what he just did wrong.**

- Remember, that what YOU DECIDE in your life is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY and not someone else's!
- Adam blamed Eve...Eve blamed the Serpent! All of them got horrible consequences!
- **Galatians 6:7-8 / Proverbs 14:12**

**6. Esau's shortsightedness caused him to MARRY THE WRONG WOMAN!** **2 Peter 1:9**

- Esau married two Hittite woman, and this grieved his parents. **Genesis 26:34-35**
- **Why?** For one...he was to have just one wife! God set it up like this! You don't see Adam with two wives or ten!
- Second, God was very clear on His command to NOT marry foreign women because of the demon gods that they served! **It was an UNHOLY union!**
- Living just for yourself will grieve the ones that love you! Your sin has ripple effects!

**7. Esau got DUPED by his own brother!**

- GREED will turn a family member...a blood relative...against another in a moment!
- When it comes to earthly temptations, it seems that people will do **ANYTHING** for them!
- **Proverbs 22:3**

**What was the RESULT of all of this?**

**1. All of Esau's descendants became the ENEMY of God and the Israelites!**

- Esau's people were the Edomite's. It was through Esau that these enemies of God and Israel came into existence.
- **Psalm 137:7** – Israelites vs. Edomite's – “tear it down...level it...destroy it!”

**2. Esau's self-centered lifestyle happened because he chose to SEE the wrong things!**

- **Proverbs 29:18** – “Where there is NO VISION the PEOPLE PERISH...”
- **Hebrews 12:16** – “make sure no one is *immoral or godless* LIKE Esau, who TRADED his birthright for a single meal.”
- **POINT: Missing God's BEST!** **Romans 9:13!**
- Jacob, Esau's brother, was chosen to be in Jesus' lineage...Esau was not!

**3. Can God's Grace be extended to someone like Esau?**

- Before Esau died, he showed that he had grown and reached out to his brother.
- See, Jacob, Esau's brother was named “Deceiver” or “Grabber”. This is why you see in the story when the boys were being born, Jacob grabbed Esau's ankle!
- Genesis 32 and 33 show a fearful meeting between the two brothers. Esau shows forgiveness to his brother for tricking him and stealing the birthright.
- **Hebrews 12:17 is a very haunting verse!**
- God can restore relationships, but look at ALL of the damage that happened because ONE MAN did not SEE that he needed to LOOK at TOMORROW when he lived TODAY!