

## Outline

- I. Isaac's two sons, Jacob and Esau, actually fought over the blessing (Gen. 27:1-34).
  - A. Isaac had received the blessing from his father, Abraham, and Isaac intended to speak the blessing over his older son, Esau.
  - B. While Esau was still out hunting, the younger son, Jacob, went into Isaac's room, pretending to be Esau.
  - C. So, Isaac blessed Jacob instead of Esau.
  - D. When Esau found out, he began to wail and cry because he had lost his father's blessing.
  - E. Most folks don't even care about their fathers' blessing.
  - F. I'm telling you, the attitude expressed in the Bible is the right attitude.
  - G. The Bible says,  
  
*Death and life are in the power of the tongue.*  
  
Proverbs 18:21
  - H. Death and life only—not death, life, and a lot of other stuff—are in the “*power of the tongue.*”
- II. Your parents' words have had influence in your life.
  - A. Perhaps you were cursed by other people—by an extended family member or a teacher.
  - B. Maybe you were told that you would never amount to anything.
  - C. It may not have been a parent who said that, but perhaps an ex from a prior relationship cursed you.
  - D. Maybe you haven't even realized what your problem is, but you were cursed.
  - E. There's power in words!

## III. There's also power in a blessing.

- A. A blessing is much greater than a curse.
- B. A curse doesn't have any power over us unless we believe it, unless we fear it (Prov. 26:2).
- C. Fear is nothing but faith in a negative.
- D. The favor of God—the blessing that has been spoken over us by Him—has to be believed in order for its power to be released.
- E. Most of us are quick to believe in curses and the negative.
- F. We need to reverse that!
- G. God has spoken thousands of blessings over us, and we need to get to the place where we believe them.
- H. If we believed in the power of a blessing, it would work.

## IV. You have to believe in the power of your words.

- A. Jesus said,

*Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.*

Mark 11:23

- B. God has enabled you to bless, and He has given you creative power.
- C. If you just say words to see if it'll work, it won't.
- D. But if you can mix faith with your words, there will be creative power in them (Heb. 4:2).

## V. Once you begin operating in the blessing, Satan can't stop it.

- A. Once it's given, it's eternal and abundant.

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- B. If you ever started living in the blessing of God, it would transform your life.
- C. You can get to a place where you never have to have another miracle.
- D. You'll believe for miracles for other people who don't yet know how to walk in the blessings of God, but you'll leave the miracles for unbelievers!
- E. That's the way it should be.
- F. You shouldn't have to be living from crisis to crisis or pit to pit.
- G. You should be walking on the mountaintops, rejoicing.
- H. You can receive from God through either one of these—a blessing or a miracle.

### MY PRAYER FOR YOU:

*Father, I pray that the Holy Spirit would help us to understand. I pray for those who are living from crisis to crisis. They're violating spiritual, natural, and emotional laws and are not doing what Your Word says; yet they're believing You for a miracle. I pray that You would speak this word into their hearts right now to encourage them that it doesn't have to be this way, that they don't have to stay this way, that they can tap into Your blessing and the favor You have spoken over them through Your Word. Open their eyes to see all of these wonderful things, all of these exceedingly great and precious promises that You have given us (2 Pet. 1:4). Thank You that we don't have to just barely get by, struggling all the time. Thank You for showing us how to walk in Your blessing!*

### PRAY THIS IN FAITH:

*Father, thank You for revealing the truth to me. Forgive me for empowering these curses. Forgive me for believing in what they've said. Forgive me for being hurt and offended when You've said so many wonderful things about me. You have blessed me. I am blessed above all people on the face of the earth (Deut. 7:14). Forgive me for letting these curses, these negative words, dominate me. Right now, I take my authority in Christ Jesus, and I speak death to all these curses. In the name of Jesus, I say that I am not going to let any curse that anyone has spoken over me—or that I've spoken over myself—to remain. I break them all, in Jesus's name. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13). You always make me to triumph in my Lord Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 2:14). I am above only and not beneath. I am the head and not the tail (Deut. 28:13).*

*I break the curses of doctors, bankers, lawyers, and any other person who has spoken negative things—death words—to me. I renounce these curses in the name of Jesus and refuse to allow them to dominate me anymore. Father, I believe what You have said about me. Your blessing is stronger than any curse, and right now I activate Your blessing by my faith. I put faith in You and in what You have said about me. From this time forth, I am the blessed of the Lord (Ps. 115:15). The blessing of the Lord makes me rich, and You add no sorrow with it (Prov. 10:22). I am blessed coming in and blessed going out (Deut. 28:6). I'm blessed in my basket and in my storehouse (Deut. 28:5). Thank You that everything I set my hand unto is blessed (Deut. 28:8). Thank You, Jesus!*

*I speak the blessing of God, and I break the curse. That curse is over. It's done. From this moment forward, the curse in my life has ended, and it's the beginning of the blessing. I declare it by faith in Jesus's name. Amen. Hallelujah!*

## Discipleship Questions

1. *Discussion question:* What in this story speaks to you about receiving God’s best (Gen. 27:1-34)?

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2. True or false: Death and life only are in the power of the tongue (Prov. 18:21).

3. *Discussion question:* How have you dealt with words spoken over you, whether blessings or curses?

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4. True or false: A curse has power over you even if you aren’t afraid of it (Prov. 26:2).

5. The favor of God—the blessing that has been spoken over you by Him—has to be believed in order for its power to be what?

- A. Revealed
- B. Released
- C. Received
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

6. *Discussion question:* How quick are you to believe in curses and the negative?

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7. God has spoken \_\_\_\_\_ of blessings over you.

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8. What would happen if you believed in the power of a blessing?

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9. According to Mark 11:23, "*Whosoever shall \_\_\_\_\_ unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.*"

10. What would happen if you just say words to see if it'll work?

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11. If you can mix faith with your words, there will be \_\_\_\_\_ power in them (Heb. 4:2).

- A. Artificial
- B. Borrowed
- C. Creative
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

12. Once you begin operating in the blessing, \_\_\_\_\_ can't stop it.

13. Once a blessing is given, it's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

14. True or false: You can get to a place where you never have to have another miracle.

15. True or false: It's better to believe for miracles for yourself than for unbelievers.

16. *Discussion question:* How are you going to start walking in the blessing instead of by miracles or by curses?

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## Scriptures

GENESIS 27:1-34

And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto him, Behold, here am I. [2] And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death: [3] Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me some venison; [4] And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die. [5] And Rebekah heard when Isaac spake to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt for venison, and to bring it. [6] And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying, [7] Bring me venison, and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before the LORD before my death. [8] Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee. [9] Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savoury meat for thy father, such as he loveth: [10] And thou shalt bring it to thy father, that he may eat, and that he may bless thee before his death. [11] And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man: [12] My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing. [13] And his mother said unto him, Upon me be thy curse, my son: only obey my voice, and go fetch me them. [14] And he went, and fetched, and brought them to his mother: and his mother made savoury meat, such as his father loved. [15] And Rebekah took goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son: [16] And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck: [17] And she gave the savoury meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob. [18] And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I; who art thou, my son? [19] And Jacob said unto his father, I am Esau thy firstborn; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me. [20] And Isaac said unto his son, How is it that thou hast found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the LORD thy God brought it to me. [21] And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be my very son Esau or not. [22] And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau. [23] And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him. [24]

And he said, Art thou my very son Esau? And he said, I am. [25] And he said, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought it near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine, and he drank. [26] And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son. [27] And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the LORD hath blessed: [28] Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine: [29] Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee. [30] And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. [31] And he also had made savoury meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me. [32] And Isaac his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy son, thy firstborn Esau. [33] And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, and he shall be blessed. [34] And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father.

## PROVERBS 18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

## PROVERBS 26:2

As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.

## GENESIS 9:2

And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

## 1 PETER 2:24

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

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MARK 11:23

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

HEBREWS 4:2

For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

2 PETER 1:4

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

ISAIAH 54:17

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

DEUTERONOMY 7:14

Thou shalt be blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle.

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

2 CORINTHIANS 2:14

Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

DEUTERONOMY 28:13

And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them.

PSALM 115:15

Ye are blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth.

PROVERBS 10:22

The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

DEUTERONOMY 28:5-6

Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. [6] Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

DEUTERONOMY 28:8

The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.