

## Dangerous Decisions

Gen. 25: 27- 34

Gen. 25:27 The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was a quiet man, staying among the tents. 28 Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob. 29 Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. 30 He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom. <sup>1a</sup>) 31 Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright." 32 "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?" 33 But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. 34 Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright. (**position /power / possession**)

< Story of Personal Dream: Mark of the Beast >

→ *Subtle reception of those things that cause us to trade-off and lose-out*

→ satan (typified through Jacob) is subtle! He knows when we are the most vulnerable and he takes advantage of these times. In the life of Esau we see the elements *present that promoted the possibility for problems*; if we learn from them, maybe we can avoid the mistakes he made...

**The offer of his birthright was made when Esau was:**

### 1 **Fatigued**

- *We are More vulnerable when we are weary!*

Guard yourselves when you are tired, drained and weary – it is here that exaggerated talk begins and foolish things happen...while here you may set into motion events that create an unavoidable conclusion.

**Prov 14:16 A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.**

### 1 **Frustrated**

- *How do we figure that... **he was not carrying any game with him.***

*Frustration* is often the root cause of irrational thought, a state of mind that can lead to impractical decisions.

### 2 **Famished**

- *A state of Absolute Hunger*

→ When there is *leanness in our Soul* it increases the *likelihood of a Sell-out!*

#### 1 **What did Esau do wrong?**

- 2 Made a **Rash** decision at the wrong time
- 3 More **Ready** to satisfy his Appetite than his Appointments
- 2 Tried to **Rationalize** wrong choices

1 *Obviously, we get into trouble when we attempt to do the SAME!*

**2 Timothy 3:1 This know (be aware/certain) also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.**

→ (AMP) BUT UNDERSTAND this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear].

**Jeremiah 12:5** If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?

→ **My question to you:** *If you are having difficulty staying saved today and walking consistently with God Now, how are you going to survive and be **Birthright Ready** as times becoming*

*increasingly more aggressive?*

**→ How to Survive today:**

1. *Beat Fatigue by **finding** your Rest in the Lord (Sabbath / Mat. 11:28 – all ye that labor)*
2. *Beat Frustration by not by not **following** after or chasing things that leave you empty handed*
3. *Beat being Famished by **feeding** continually on those things that satisfy (Jesus not junk)*