

## #DeathToSelfie

(2) Starving Sons

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**HOW** do we **RECOVER** our **FUTURE**...

When we've **TRADED IT AWAY** for something so **FLEETING** and **FUTILE**!?

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### **Genesis 25:24-34...**

When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him **Esau**. After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping **Esau's** heel; so he was named **Jacob**. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them. The boys grew up, and **Esau** became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while **Jacob** was content to stay at home among the tents. **Isaac**, who had a taste for wild game, loved **Esau**, but **Rebekah** loved **Jacob**. Once when **Jacob** was cooking some stew, **Esau** came in from the open country, **famished**. He said to **Jacob**, "**Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!**" **Jacob** replied, "**First sell me your birthright.**" "Look, I am about to die," **Esau** said. "What good is the birthright to me?" But **Jacob** said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, **selling his birthright to Jacob**. 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.**

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THREE PRIMARY CAUTIONS...

1. Beware of mistaking **GROWTH** for **MATURITY!**

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### **Verse 27...**

**THE BOYS GREW UP...** and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents.

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Esau got **REALLY GOOD** at **WHAT** he **DID**... but didn't get **REALLY GOOD** at **WHO** he **WAS!**

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...and Esau became a skillful hunter

Meaning...

He got **REALLY GOOD** at **KILLING HIS DINNER**...  
but **NEVER GOT GOOD** at **CONTROLLING HIS APPETITE!**

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### **Verse 28...**

**Isaac** who had a taste for wild game... loved **Esau** - but **Rebekah** loved **Jacob**.

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**Verses 29-30...**

Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, **famished**. He said to Jacob, **“Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I’m famished!”**

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You have to be **VERY CAREFUL...** when you are **VUNERABLE...** **WHO YOU REACH OUT TO** for **HELP...** for **ADVICE...** or for **GUIDANCE...** because if you **REACH OUT** to the **WRONG PERSON...** the **WRONG VOICE...** **YOU’LL MAKE THE WRONG CHOICE... EVERYTIME!**

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**Verse 31...** Jacob replied, **“First sell me your birthright.”**

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**“Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I’m famished!”**

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THREE PRIMARY CAUTIONS...

2. Beware of **UNSATISFIED APPETITES...** that become **EXAGGERATED EMOTIONS!**

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**Verse 32...**

**“Look, I am about to die,”** Esau said. **“What good is the birthright to me?”**

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**BEWARE** friends... in your **quests** and **endeavors** in **life...** that you don’t get **TOO HUNGRY!**

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**WHAT A HORRIBLE TRADE...**  
**A BOWL of BEANS... for a BIRTHRIGHT!?**

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**Verse 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.

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THREE PRIMARY CAUTIONS...

3. Beware of the temptation to give up what you want **MOST...** for what you want **NOW!**

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**PEACE...**

**John 14:27...**

**PEACE** I leave with you; my **PEACE** I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. **Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.**

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## **BOWLS... FOR BIRTHRIGHTS!**

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### **JOY...**

**1 Peter 1:8...**

*Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are **filled with an inexpressible and glorious JOY...***

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## **BOWLS... FOR BIRTHRIGHTS!**

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### **TESTIMONY...**

**Matthew 5:16...**

*In the same way, **let your LIGHT shine before others,** that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

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## **BOWLS... FOR BIRTHRIGHTS!**

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**Hebrews 12:16-17...**

*See that no one is sexually immoral, or is **GODLESS... LIKE ESAU...** who for a **SINGLE MEAL... sold his inheritance rights** as the oldest son. Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing **with tears, he could not change what he had done.***

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**Romans 8:29...**

*For those God foreknew... he also predestined... to be conformed to the image of his Son - that **He** might be the **FIRSTBORN...** among many brothers and sisters.*

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