

# Sermon notes:

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## The House, Not a Picture of The House

3<sup>rd</sup> in the series, “Lessons from a con man – Topic: God’s Blessing

Passage: **Genesis 27:**

When Isaac was old and his eyes were so weak that he could no longer see, he called for Esau his older son and said to him, “My son.”

“Here I am,” he answered.

<sup>2</sup>Isaac said, “I am now an old man and don’t know the day of my death. <sup>3</sup>Now then, get your equipment—your quiver and bow—and go out to the open country to hunt some wild game for me. <sup>4</sup>Prepare me the kind of tasty food I like and bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my blessing before I die.”

<sup>5</sup>Now Rebekah was listening as Isaac spoke to his son Esau. When Esau left for the open country to hunt game and bring it back, <sup>6</sup>Rebekah said to her son Jacob, “Look, I overheard your father say to your brother Esau, <sup>7</sup>‘Bring me some game and prepare me some tasty food to eat, so that I may give you my blessing in the presence of the Lord before I die.’ <sup>8</sup>Now, my son, listen carefully and do what I tell you: <sup>9</sup>Go out to the flock and bring me two choice young goats, so I can prepare some tasty food for your father, just the way he likes it. <sup>10</sup>Then take it to your father to eat, so that he may give you his blessing before he dies.”

<sup>11</sup>Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, “But my brother Esau is a hairy man while I have smooth skin. <sup>12</sup>What if my father touches me? I would appear to be tricking him and would bring down a curse on myself rather than a blessing.”

<sup>13</sup>His mother said to him, “My son, let the curse fall on me. Just do what I say; go and get them for me.”

<sup>14</sup>So he went and got them and brought them to his mother, and she prepared some tasty food, just the way his father liked it. <sup>15</sup>Then Rebekah took the best clothes of Esau her older son, which she had in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob. <sup>16</sup>She also covered

his hands and the smooth part of his neck with the goatskins. <sup>17</sup>Then she handed to her son Jacob the tasty food and the bread she had made.

<sup>18</sup>He went to his father and said, “My father.”

“Yes, my son,” he answered. “Who is it?”

<sup>19</sup>Jacob said to his father, “I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me. Please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing.”

<sup>20</sup>Isaac asked his son, “How did you find it so quickly, my son?”

“The Lord your God gave me success,” he replied.

<sup>21</sup>Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Come near so I can touch you, my son, to know whether you really are my son Esau or not.”

<sup>22</sup>Jacob went close to his father Isaac, who touched him and said, “The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau.” <sup>23</sup>He did not recognize him, for his hands were hairy like those of his brother Esau; so he proceeded to bless him. <sup>24</sup>“Are you really my son Esau?” he asked.

“I am,” he replied.

<sup>25</sup>Then he said, “My son, bring me some of your game to eat, so that I may give you my blessing.”

Jacob brought it to him and he ate; and he brought some wine and he drank. <sup>26</sup>Then his father Isaac said to him, “Come here, my son, and kiss me.”

<sup>27</sup>So he went to him and kissed him. When Isaac caught the smell of his clothes, he blessed him and said,

“Ah, the smell of my son  
is like the smell of a field  
that the Lord has blessed.

<sup>28</sup>May God give you heaven’s dew  
and earth’s richness—  
an abundance of grain and new wine.

<sup>29</sup>May nations serve you  
and peoples bow down to you.

Be lord over your brothers,

and may the sons of your mother bow down to you.  
May those who curse you be cursed  
and those who bless you be blessed.”

<sup>30</sup> After Isaac finished blessing him, and Jacob had scarcely left his father’s presence, his brother Esau came in from hunting. <sup>31</sup> He too prepared some tasty food and brought it to his father. Then he said to him, “My father, please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing.”

<sup>32</sup> His father Isaac asked him, “Who are you?”

“I am your son,” he answered, “your firstborn, Esau.”

<sup>33</sup> Isaac trembled violently and said, “Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and I blessed him—and indeed he will be blessed!”

<sup>34</sup> When Esau heard his father’s words, he burst out with a loud and bitter cry and said to his father, “Bless me—me too, my father!”

<sup>35</sup> But he said, “Your brother came deceitfully and took your blessing.”

<sup>36</sup> Esau said, “Isn’t he rightly named Jacob<sup>א</sup>? This is the second time he has taken advantage of me: He took my birthright, and now he’s taken my blessing!” Then he asked, “Haven’t you reserved any blessing for me?”

<sup>37</sup> Isaac answered Esau, “I have made him lord over you and have made all his relatives his servants, and I have sustained him with grain and new wine. So what can I possibly do for you, my son?”

<sup>38</sup> Esau said to his father, “Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me too, my father!” Then Esau wept aloud.

<sup>39</sup> His father Isaac answered him,

“Your dwelling will be  
away from the earth’s richness,  
away from the dew of heaven above.

<sup>40</sup> You will live by the sword  
and you will serve your brother.  
But when you grow restless,  
you will throw his yoke  
from off your neck.”

<sup>41</sup> Esau held a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing his father had given him. He said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob.”

<sup>42</sup> When Rebekah was told what her older son Esau had said, she sent for her younger son Jacob and said to him, “Your brother Esau is planning to avenge himself by killing you. <sup>43</sup> Now then, my son, do what I say: Flee at once to my brother Laban in Harran. <sup>44</sup> Stay with him for a while until your brother’s fury subsides. <sup>45</sup> When your brother is no longer angry with you and forgets what you did to him, I’ll send word for you to come back from there. Why should I lose both of you in one day?”

<sup>46</sup> Then Rebekah said to Isaac, “I’m disgusted with living because of these Hittitewomen. If Jacob takes a wife from among the women of this land, from Hittite women like these, my life will not be worth living.”

### **Isaac tried to derail God’s plan**

### **Rebekah schemed to derail Isaac’s plan**

**Jacob lied to his father**

**Esau wanted revenge**

## **Significance:**

Everyone wants The Blessing

We often misunderstand the nature of The Blessing

**Genesis 12:2-** “I will make you into a great nation,  
and I will bless you; I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing

**Ephesians 1:3-** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

**Numbers 6:22-27-**<sup>22</sup> The Lord said to Moses, <sup>23</sup> “Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

<sup>24</sup> ““The Lord bless you  
and keep you;

<sup>25</sup> the Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup> the Lord turn his face toward you  
and give you peace.””

<sup>27</sup> “So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

Revelation 2:17- <sup>17</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.

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# Your Love Awakens Me

## Verse 1

There were walls between us  
By the cross You came and broke them down  
You broke them down  
And there were chains around us  
By Your grace we are no longer bound  
No longer bound

## Pre-Chorus

You called me out of the grave  
You called me into the light  
You called my name and then my heart came alive

## Chorus

Your love is greater  
Your love is stronger  
Your love awakens awakens awakens me  
(REPEAT)

## Verse 2

Feel the darkness shaking  
All the dead are coming back to life  
I'm back to life  
Hear the song awaken  
All creation singing we're alive  
'Cause You're alive

## Bridge

And what a love we've found  
Death can't hold us down  
We shout it out  
We're alive 'cause You're alive

## Ending

Your love awakens me  
Your love is greater



Your love is stronger  
You're love awakens awakens, awakens me

## Glorious Day

### Verse 1

I was buried beneath my shame  
Who could carry that kind of weight  
It was my tomb 'til I met You

### Verse 2

I was breathing but not alive  
All my failures I tried to hide  
It was my tomb 'til I met You

### Chorus

('Cause when) You called my name (and)  
I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day  
You called my name (and) I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

### Verse 3

Now Your mercy has saved my soul  
Now Your freedom is all that I know  
The old made new Jesus when I met You

### Bridge

I needed rescue my sin was heavy  
But chains break at the weight of Your glory  
I needed shelter I was an orphan  
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven  
When I was broken You were my healing  
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing  
I have a future my eyes are open

# You Say

## Verse 1

I keep fighting voices in my mind  
That say I'm not enough  
Ev'ry single lie that tells me  
I will never measure up

## Verse 2

Am I more than just the sum of  
Ev'ry high and ev'ry low  
Remind me once again just who I am  
Because I need to know oo oh

## Chorus

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing  
You say I am strong when I think I am weak  
You say I am held when I am falling short  
And when I don't belong oh You say I am Yours  
And I believe oh I believe  
What You say of me I believe

## Verse 3

The only thing that matters now  
Is ev'rything You think of me  
In You I find my worth  
In You I find my identity

## Bridge

Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at Your feet  
You'll have ev'ry failure God  
You'll have ev'ry victory

## Ending

Oh I believe yes I believe  
What You say of me I believe