

**Series: Champion of God**

**Title: Isaac: The Dysfunctional Champion**

**Text: (Heb 11:20)**

(Heb 11:20) *Blessed-* (Explain the Blessing)

(Gen 12:1-3) The Abrahamic Covenant.

(Gen 15:4-6,18) The Expanded Covenant.

(Gen 17:5-8) The Promise of the Land.

(Gen 25:5-6) The Blessing Conferred by Abraham.

(Gen 26:2-5) The Blessing is Confirmed by God.

***Life Lessons from Issac & Rebekah. (Gen 25:23-28)***

**I. A Fleshly Father:**

(Gen 25:28) Partiality

(Gen 27:1-4)

He is going to bless the wrong son for the wrong reason & He knew IT!

(Gen 25:21-23) *The elder shall serve the younger.*

***Issac started a Spiritual Father:***

(Gen 24:63) Meditate on God

(Gen 26:24-25) God spoke to him directly.

God reconfirmed the Abrahamic Covenant with Isaac.

***Isaac starts off walking with God because he has a series of trials that he cannot fix on his own.***

(Gen 25:21) Infertility

(Gen 26:1) Famine

(Gen 26:7) Men chasing after his wife

(Gen 26:14-21) Range War

(Gen 26:22-23) Had to keep moving to stay ahead of those who oppressed him.

Why is there Trials, pain, troubles, sorrows come into the life of the believer?

These are part of God's teaching process for His Sons.

They do not come from God, but He permits them. Then overrules them for His Glory.

God harnesses the adverse circumstances in life to conform the believer into the image of Christ.

(Gen 26:31) God has now brought his enemies to him to bargain for peace because they were afraid of God.

***Now that things are going well, Isaac is no longer dependent upon God. (Gen 27:1-4)***

Savoury - 6 times - Issac is given over to his Appetites

***Issac is now a Carnal Father!***

Isaac's Blindness was not a free pass to sin.

***This is a warning to us Fathers today!***

Your personal difficulties don't give you a free Pass!

Being away from home doesn't either.

***Now that things are going well, you are not as dependent upon God as you were in the ER.***

Your Degrees, Your Rank, Your Home, Your Health.

You no longer have the struggles you started with.

You no longer need to depend upon God so much.

*You'd never admit it publicly, for fear of God's Wrath.*

***You are Too Busy or Self Important.***

You don't see any need for SS, Sun PM, Wed Night.  
You don't see any need to Tithe, or Invite to Church.

You are too busy to help out in Awana or VBS.  
You don't have a problem with social drinking.  
You don't have a problem with 'R' rated movies.  
You don't have a problem listening to Country Music.

***Congratulations: Your Carnal Father!***

You ignore your wife's small hints that she is not  
having her needs met.  
You can't see that she is starting to doubt your loyalty.  
She was actually happier when you were newlyweds  
& had nothing.

***Congratulations: Your Carnal Father!***

***Isaac lived in the Flesh: He preferred Esau:***

(Gen 25:27-28)

*Vicarious Living through his son.* - We all do it!  
Every man wants his boys 2B double tough & of stuff

Esau was ESPN/Velocity/Speed/ Outdoor Channel,  
Jacob was the Hallmark & HDTV Channel.  
1 boys nature was to Kill, the other Protect.

We all dream of them making the Big Play!  
Winning the championship!  
B/c it somehow validates us as a Man/Father!

***We Forget:*** Our children are just on Loan from God.  
They were not given to Validate us.  
***God is expecting us to return them with the skills  
necessary to Live By Faith & Serve Him!***

***What are you doing to Intentionally Teach Your  
Children to Walk With God & Live by Faith?***

***You Cannot Teach What you Do Not Do!***

God appeared TWICE to Isaac, but he never taught  
Esau to walk with God.

Esau married lost girls, & was a grief to them later on.  
Esau's children are still oppressing the Israelites today

The Palestinians recognize themselves as Esau's  
descendants. - <http://messianic-revolution.com>

Thanks Dad,  
I can throw a ball, but I don't know how2 pray.  
I can Tweet, Text, & Post, but I can't finish my chores  
I know sports stats, but I don't know how finish a job.  
I can beat the latest video game, but can't explain the  
gospel.

**I. Isaac was A Fleshly Father:**

If that wasn't bad enough...

**II. Rebekah was a Manipulative Mother:**

(Gen 27:5-17) Your children were not given to you to  
fulfill your need for Validation of your Self Worth.

**God had given her the prophecy. (Gen 25:21-23)**

Faith doesn't require our Scheming.  
Faith doesn't require our Help to Accomplish.  
Faith doesn't require the manipulation of others.  
Faith doesn't require the deception of others.

**She would Lose her son over this. (Gen 27:41-45)**

Jacob would flee from his brother, & she would never lay eyes on him again before she dies.

How many parents today, would give anything to have their children back?

Back Sober, Back Alive, Back in Church.

There will not become what we say, they will become what we are!

***You cannot Teach what You DO Not DO!***

***A Fleshly Father & Manipulative Mother...***

**III. Jacob was a Conniving Kid: (Gen 25:29-34)**

He was Fighting a Battle that was already Won

(Gen 25:23) Promised it by God.

(Gen 27:18-29) He was destroying a home that looked blessed by all who saw it.

***The Name Jacob ~ Deceiver, Cheat! (Gen 27:36)***

At Least Jacob wanted the Birthright.  
At least Jacob wanted the Blessing.  
But he did not have to get it in a Carnal way.  
But that was all he knew from his parents.

***Whatever we do recreationally, our children will take to excess.***

Our children will always fall short of us, until they pick a different leader to follow that is godlier than us.

You: 1 Service a week      Them: C & E  
You: Only in the Trials      Them: Dr.s & Rx

***Fleshly Father, Manipulative Mother, Conniving Kid***  
**IV. Esau was A Sorry Son: (Gen 27:31-34, 38)**

(Heb 12:16-17) "Profane" ~ *Irreverent; proceeding from a contempt of sacred things.*

He had no love for God, God's Word, God's Promises, God's People.

He was not crying over the Loss of God's blessing, but the Wealth it represented.

Esau was not crying over his sin through repentance, but out of remorse.

Jacob would flee, Never to see his mother again.

***How do you think THEY got that WAY?***

*Hell is full of Someone's Darling Precious Babies.*

Hell is full of people, whose parents Failed to teach them to have a Respect & Reverence for God.

*"Sought it with tears."*

(Gen 27:33) “*Trembling*”

Isaac realizes what a fool he has been.

Isaac realizes that his carnality has caused him  
to try & manipulate God’s will.

Isaac trembles as he comes under severe conviction.

***By Carnality he tried to manipulate God’s Will.***

***By Fleshly Appetites he tried to thwart God’s Word.***

*You Cannot Sin & Win!*

*You Cannot Violate God’s Word & have Victory.*

***Man’s Carnality cannot negate God’s Sovereignty.***

(Gen 27:28-29, 37)

God’s will was performed.

***Isaac Prophesied the Coming of Christ!*** (Heb 11:20)

By Faith Isaac saw the coming Messiah.

By Faith Isaac saw the coming Messianic Kingdom.

Are you ready to receive by faith what Isaac saw by  
faith?