

This Isn't Going to Turn Out as You Thought!

Genesis 33: 1-20

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Scripture

¹ Now Jacob lifted his eyes and looked, and there, Esau was coming, and with him were four hundred men. So he divided the children among Leah, Rachel, and the two maidservants.

² And he put the maidservants and their children in front, Leah and her children behind, and Rachel and Joseph last.

³ Then he crossed over before them and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

⁴ But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.

⁵ And he lifted his eyes and saw the women and children, and said, "Who *are* these with you?"

So he said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant."

⁶ Then the maidservants came near, they and their children, and bowed down.

⁷ And Leah also came near with her children, and they bowed down. Afterward Joseph and Rachel came near, and they bowed down.

⁸ Then Esau said, "What *do* you *mean* by all this company which I met?"

And he said, "*These are* to find favor in the sight of my lord."

⁹ But Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself."

¹⁰ And Jacob said, "No, please, if I have now found favor in your sight, then receive my present from my hand, inasmuch as I have seen your face as though I had seen the face of God, and you were pleased with me.

¹¹ Please, take my blessing that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough." So he urged him, and he took *it*.

¹² Then Esau said, "Let us take our journey; let us go, and I will go before you."

¹³ But Jacob said to him, "My lord knows that the children *are* weak, and the flocks and herds which are nursing *are* with me. And if the men should drive them hard one day, all the flock will die.

¹⁴ Please let my lord go on ahead before his servant. I will lead on slowly at a pace which the livestock that go before me, and the children, are able to endure, until I come to my lord in Seir."

¹⁵ And Esau said, "Now let me leave with you *some* of the people who *are* with me."

But he said, "What need is there? Let me find favor in the sight of my lord."

¹⁶ So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir.

¹⁷ And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, built himself a house, and made booths for his livestock. Therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.

¹⁸ Then Jacob came safely to the city of Shechem, which *is* in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan Aram; and he pitched his tent before the city.

¹⁹ And he bought the parcel of land, where he had pitched his tent, from the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for one hundred pieces of money.

²⁰ Then he erected an altar there and called it El Elohe Israel.

Introduction

- We must allow God to renew our mind DAILY!
- Without a daily renewed mind the traditions of men, poor thoughts and poor

- thinking patterns to cause us to continually miss what God is doing
- I Corinthians 2: 9...traditions of men, poor thoughts and poor thinking patterns will cause us to miss the things God has in store for us!
- If you take on the mind of Christ you can be renewed, and nothing will be impossible!
- Things will not change until we change our thinking
- God is in complete control and He is perfect in ALL of His ways!
- God deliberately takes us to places, circumstances and situations
- God has chosen some specific stuff for us to go through so that we can get to that next place.... From an external perspective these things were just what we needed, these things help build our character.
- To God none of this is happenstance.... He knew that it would inevitably work for our God and lead to His purpose (Romans 8: 28)
- God is trying to make us so that he can establish us before He eventually puts us over everything.
- Stay in the process!!!

Point of Application 1

Genesis 33: 1-2

Release God to remove the images of past failures!

Point of Application 2

Genesis 33: 3

Embrace a posture of humility – totally submitted to the will of the Father!

- ***When we are not totally submitted to God, He is mandated to allow us to go through situations and circumstances to humble us!***
 - ***Luke 20: 18***
- ***God is trying to get us to living in brokenness!***

Point of Application 3

Genesis 33: 12-16

God proves – He has become our defense!