**Focal Truth: The sons of Isaac were bitter enemies living in sinful pride**

Abraham gave everything to Isaac – the son of promise – inherits the promised seed, land & blessing of God

Isaac had to live by faith just as his father Abraham

Isaacs wife Rebekah was barren – God must miraculously give him children

 Isaac had two sons – a son of promise & a son of the flesh

 Isaac had family secrets that troubled his family

**Observations**

1. **Isaac had to trust God to give him children – 25:21**

*And Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife because she was barren; and the Lord answered him and Rebekah his wife conceived*

1. Isaac asked the Lord for children from Rebekah

Rabbinic tradition says Isaac & Rebekah went to Mt. Moriah the place of his binding to ask God for children

1. God ans https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=microsoft.comlogin&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8wered Isaacs prayer and Rebekah conceived

 **Consider**

*Children are a gift from the Lord*

 *Children are a blessing from the Lord*

1. **Isaacs sons were bitter enemies from birth – 25:22 – 25**

*But the children struggled together within her…so she inquired of the Lord*

1. Rebekah knew in the womb they were fighting each other
2. Rebekah asked God why they were fighting in the womb
3. God told her that her sons were grow up bitter enemies

*Two nations are in your womb*

*Two peoples will be separated from your body*

*One people will be stronger than the other*

*The older shall serve the younger*

1. Esau was born first red & hairy – named Esau = hairy
2. Jacob was born holding the heel of his brother – trying to pull back Esau to be born first. – names Jacob = heel holder – supplanter – deceiver

**Consider**

Jacob & Esau would become two great nations – two great peoples

 Jacob would become the nation of Israel – God’s people

 Esau would become Edomite nation – Warrior people

 Esau the older served Jacob the younger

1. **Isaacs sons were complete opposites in their ways - 25:27 – 28**

*When the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the field, but Jacob was a peaceful man, living in tents*

1. Esau was a skillful hunter & a man of field – hunter
2. Jacob was a peaceful man living in tents – shepherd
3. Isaac loved Esau
4. Rebekah loved Jacob

 **Consider**

Esau was fleshly he preferred being away from the family – hunter – man of the field

 Isaac was a peaceful man who lived with the family

1. **Isaacs son’s secret sins became public sins– 25: 29 -34 – 15yrs old**

*Then Jacob gave Esau bread & lentil stew’ and he ate and drank, and rose and went on his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright*

1. Jacob and Isaac are 15 yrs.
2. Esau came in from the field hungry & discouraged & demanding of his brother
3. Jacob selfishly manipulated his brother’s weakness – **he asked for the birthright**

**Importance of the birthright**

Superior place in the family

Double portion of the inheritance

Priestly rank in the family

Promised seed through which all the nations would be blessed

1. Esau gave up his birthright to satisfy his flesh – the future did not matter to him

 **Consider**

 **Esau made a decision that changed his entire life – lost birthright became a bitter man**

 **The sins of teenagers can have permanent impact on life**

 **The sins of teenagers done in secret are seen by God**

Esau was a man of the flesh – with no regard for God

 Esau was a man of bitterness toward his parents & brother

 Esau sinfulness caused uncleanness for many

 Esau sexually immoral

 Esau was a godless man

 **Rabbinic – Esau was an idolater, murderer, sexually immoral, denied the world to come & despised his family**

 Heb. 12:16 – *that there be no immoral or godless person like Esau*

Isaac was a selfish man always trying to be first

 Isaac tried to do God’s will in his own way

 Isaac was a manipulator

 Isaac was deceiver

 Isaac was a liar

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God
2. Children are a gift from God
3. All children have their own unique sinful ways – understand them
4. Sinners can be saved from their sinful ways by grace through faith in Jesus Christ
5. We are all born in sin but can be born again by faith in Jesus Christ!

*Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew; and he ate and drank, and rose and went on his way. Thus, Esau despised his birthright 25:34*

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**