

# “Acting On Impulse May Cause Us to Lose Our Blessings”

Mission Bible Study

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## Genesis 25:19-33

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<sup>19</sup> And these *are* the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham begat Isaac:

<sup>20</sup> And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padanaram, the sister to Laban the Syrian.

<sup>21</sup> And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she *was* barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

<sup>22</sup> And the children struggled together within her; and she said, *If it be so, why am I thus?* And she went to enquire of the LORD.

<sup>23</sup> And the LORD said unto her, Two nations *are* in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and *the one* people shall be stronger than *the other* people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

<sup>24</sup> And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, *there were* twins in her womb.

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<sup>25</sup> If then God so clothe the grass, which is today in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?

<sup>26</sup> And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac *was* threescore years old when she bare them.

<sup>27</sup> And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob *was* a plain man, dwelling in tents.

<sup>28</sup> And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of *his* venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.

<sup>29</sup> And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau Came from the field and he was faint.

<sup>30</sup> And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint therefore was his name called Edom

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<sup>31</sup> And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.

<sup>32</sup> And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

<sup>33</sup> And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.

# LESSON 1: Acting On Wrong Impulses Temporarily Satisfies Immediate Desires

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- ❖ When we see something we want, our first impulse is to get it.
- ❖ We also sometimes feel intensely satisfied and sometimes once we obtain our desires

## LESSON 2: Immediate Pleasures Often Causes Us to Lose Focus On Our Future

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- ❖ Esau saw the need to address his immediate need, that is his hunger
- ❖ Esau failed to realize how his choice will impact his future (losing his birthright)

## LESSON 3: Stay Focused On What Is Important

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- ❖ Walking in God's purpose
- ❖ Staying focused on our mission
- ❖ Small distractions can turn into large distractions