



Jacob and Esau (part 2) Genesis 25:29-34

The Facts:

Jacob was promised the birthright
The birthright was double portion to go to the oldest son

The Failures:

Esau failed to value his inheritance

- Put physical over the spiritual
- Put the now over the future
- Put self over family

Jacob failed to honor his inheritance

- Wanted to set the terms of his promise
- Wanted to control the terms of his promise
- Wanted to put self before others

Lessons for Us

- Cling tightly to the promises of God
- Wait patiently for the promises of God to be fulfilled

Session 4 Extra

Ways we let impatience rob us of God's blessing

We want his provision but in our terms and in our time
We want a relationship but on our terms and in our time
We want justice but on our terms and in our time
We want vindication but on our terms and in our time

"The cunning hunter fell into the better hunter's trap, becoming to his own appetite -
(Ross)

"the frivolity with which he [Esau] sold his birthright...rendered him unfit to be the heir
and possessor of the promised grace." Keil Delitzsch

Birthright - privilege of being chief of tribe and head of family
entitled bearer to blessing of God's promise - Land, Legacy, Covenant fellowship with God
About portion
being priest of family

Stew was "Red Stuff"

Gave up a lot for a little - family lost to affair
- job lost to greed
- reputation lost to anger