Genesis 25

Part 3

Application

The struggle between Esau and Jacob provides for us three valuable lessons while encountering the struggles of life.

1. Don’t forget God’s presence in the struggle – Vs. 22

In periods of struggle, do we remember that God is near, waiting for us to call upon Him, to run to Him?

In what way(s) are you acting as if God is not present in your struggle?

In your struggles right now, how have you run to Him? When was the last you turned to Him?

What truths about God are you meditating on? How exactly are you turning to Him or do you need to turn to Him?

1. Don’t forget God’s divine right in the struggle – Vs. 23

In our struggle, God has the divine right to act how he sees fit.

Here with the twins, God chose one and not the other

For us…God may choose to allow us to suffer

In this, we must remember the heart of the one allowing us to suffer.

In your struggle, how have you forgotten God’s divine right to exercise His perfect will as He sees fit?

How has this forgetfulness resulted in sinful responses to God’s right to work as He sees fit?

How do you need to surrender to His will?

How ought your prayer reflect best reflect that intersection of surrender and celebration?

1. Don’t forget to examine our heart in the struggle – Vs. 24-34

In our struggles of life, do we see them as an opportunity to examine our own hearts for sinful desires that we need to repent of and turn away from?

In the conflicts that we face, are you willing to examine your own heart and confess any wrong doing on your part that my be present?

Examine your struggle right now. Pray through it this week. Ask God to reveal the condition of year heart. Then ask this question…

In what way(s) have I sinned to cause this struggle? In what way have I sinned in response to this struggle? In what way(s) do I need to repent, reconcile, and/or make restitution for my sinful attitudes or behavior?

Every struggle in life is an opportunity for us to examine our hearts and ask God to use it help us grow.