



The Power of a Father!

As men, in a culture under attack, we need an understanding of mature masculinity—a vision and direction we can pursue with our sons! We need tools, methods, and ideas to help us become Godly men and from which to equip our sons. We need to grow up!

Jacob – the patriarch of Israel – the father of a nation—is a troubling character in the Old Testament. He is so much like us -- with very human strengths and weaknesses, but a man with a striving for spiritual things. From this imperfect man we learn important lessons of faith. Especially, we learn about God's grace. Time to engage—enjoy the Adventure!

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THE POWER OF A FATHER – It Begins at Home!

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Bible Verses: Genesis 25:19-34; I John 5:14,15; I Corinthians 10:11-12; Ephesians 6:10, 11; Colossians 3:21

Music: Big Daddy Weave - Overwhelmed <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BiGb14tTaH4>

Video: Show Me The Father - The Heart of the Movie https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Je1_N6FCKnE

Resources: JACOB – Following God Without Looking Back by Gene A. Getz.

Raising A Modern-Day Knight – A Father's Role in Guiding His Son to Authentic Manhood by Robert Lewis.

The Power of a Father – FAMILY DYNAMICS. Genesis 25:19-34.

1. _____ → God designed the family to get all of us moving in the right direction. It forms the basis of our society. However, when the family doesn't function as God intended, it sets the stage for disintegration in all other social arenas.
2. _____ → Jacob's father, Isaac, knew about God's unconditional promises to his own father, Abraham—that he initially called to be the one through whom God would carry out His divine plan to bless all people in the world (Gen. 12:1-3). Isaac's part in God's great plans is clear – "... through your offspring (Isaac) all nations on earth will be blessed" (Gen. 22:15-18).
3. _____ → Years later, Isaac faced a predicament—in fact, one that was almost identical to his father's. Like his mother, Sarah, his own wife, Rebekah was barren. Isaac did what his father failed to do (Gen. 25:21). God answered Isaac's prayer and Rebekah became pregnant. God honors those who pray according to His will (I John 5:14, 15).
4. _____ → No doubt Isaac and Rebekah had often discussed her husband's family experiences. She had to know the mistake her mother-in-law, Sarah made in providing her maidservant as a substitute mother in order to "help God along" in bringing the promised child into the world. Rebekah's encounters with Ishmael—either directly or indirectly—and his sons and their hostile behavior (Gen. 25:18) were constant reminders of what happens when God's children walk out of His will. Rebekah discovered that she was carrying twins—a rather traumatic experience for a first-time mother—but she learned some important prophetic truths. (Gen. 25:23).
5. _____ → Rebekah heard from God (Gen. 25:24). Isaac and Rebekah called their firstborn "Esau" – a name that corresponded to his physical features. Literally, this name means "red," or "earth-colored." Esau's "whole body was like a hairy garment" (Gen. 25:25). Scholars suggest that Esau's hairy body was a sign of "excessive sensual vigor and wildness." Jacob was born second. He came out of the womb "with his hand grasping Esau's heel (Gen. 25:26)—symbolic of the power struggle that would characterize his lifelong relationship with his brother. His name would come to mean something that wasn't complimentary which depicts Esau as an "immoral man."
6. _____ → In the beginning, Isaac and Rebekah learned from their parents' mistakes and relied on God rather than themselves. But, Isaac and Rebekah made a terrible mistake once the boys were born. They consistently demonstrated favoritism. This parental favoritism only added to the problem that already existed between the two boys. God wants us to learn valuable lessons from our models (I Cor. 10:11).
7. Principles to Learn:
 1. _____ → A great beginning does not guarantee a great ending. (I Cor. 10:12).
 2. _____ → Though God warns about the possibility of failure in our Christian lives, He also makes it clear that we need not make the same mistakes as our spiritual forefathers or earthly fathers. (Eph. 6:10-11).
 3. _____ → Consistently violating God's will as fathers can lead to devastating results in our children's lives—and in their children's lives. (Col 3:21).

ACTION: Journal This!

Every son deserves a dad who fills his life with love, affirmation, and blessing. Every son needs from his father vision, direction, and solid answers to questions such as:

1. What is a man?
2. What are a man's responsibilities?
3. What does a man believe?

“Overwhelmed” by Big Daddy Weave

<p>I see the work of Your Hands Galaxies spin in a Heavenly dance oh God All that You are is so overwhelming I hear the sound of Your Voice All at once it's a gentle and thundering noise oh God All that You are is so overwhelming I delight myself in You Captivated by Your beauty I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by You God, I run into Your arms Unashamed because of mercy I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by You I know the power of Your Cross</p>	<p>Forgiven and free forever You'll be my God All that You've done is so overwhelming I delight myself in You In the Glory of Your Presence I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by You God, I run into Your arms Unashamed because of mercy I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by You You are Beautiful, You are Beautiful Oh God, there is no one more Beautiful You are Beautiful, God you are the most Beautiful You are Wonderful, You are Wonderful Oh God, there is no one more Wonderful</p>	<p>You are Wonderful, God You are the most Wonderful You are Glorious, You are Glorious Oh God, there is no one more Glorious You are Glorious, God you are the most Glorious I delight myself in you In the Glory of your Presence I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by you And God, I run into your arms Unashamed because of mercy I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by you I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by you There is no one more beautiful God, you are the most beautiful</p>
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Bible Verses – The Message

<p>Genesis 25:19-34 - 19 This is the family tree of Isaac son of Abraham: Abraham had Isaac.20 Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan Aram. She was the sister of Laban the Aramean.21 Isaac prayed hard to God for his wife because she was barren. God answered his prayer and Rebekah became pregnant.22 But the children tumbled and kicked inside her so much that she said, "If this is the way it's going to be, why go on living?" She went to God to find out what was going on.23 God told her, Two nations are in your womb, two peoples butting heads while still in your body. One people will overpower the other, and the older will serve the younger.24 When her time to give birth came, sure enough, there were twins in her womb.25 The first came out reddish, as if snugly wrapped in a hairy blanket; they named him Esau (Hairy).26 His brother followed, his fist clutched tight to Esau's heel; they named him Jacob (Heel). Isaac was sixty years old when they were born.27 The boys grew up. Esau became an expert hunter, an outdoorsman. Jacob was a quiet man preferring life indoors among the tents.28 Isaac loved Esau because he loved his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.29 One day Jacob was cooking a stew. Esau came in from the field, starved.30 Esau said to Jacob, "Give me some of that red stew - I'm starved!" That's how he came to be called Edom (Red).31 Jacob said, "Make me a trade: my stew for your rights as the firstborn."32 Esau said, "I'm starving! What good is a birthright if I'm dead?"33 Jacob said, "First, swear to me." And he did it. On oath Esau traded away his rights as the firstborn.34 Jacob gave him bread and the stew of lentils. He ate and drank, got up and left. That's how Esau shrugged off his rights as the firstborn.</p>	<p>John 5:14,15 - 14 And how bold and free we then become in his presence, freely asking according to his will, sure that he's listening. 15 And if we're confident that he's listening, we know that what we've asked for is as good as ours.</p> <p>Corinthians 10:11-12 - 11 These are all warning markers - danger! - in our history books, written down so that we don't repeat their mistakes. Our positions in the story are parallel - they at the beginning, we at the end - and we are just as capable of messing it up as they were. 12 Don't be so naive and self-confident. You're not exempt. You could fall flat on your face as easily as anyone else. Forget about self-confidence; it's useless. Cultivate God-confidence.</p> <p>Ephesians 6:10, 11 - 10 And that about wraps it up. God is strong, and he wants you strong 11 So take everything the Master has set out for you, well-made weapons of the best materials. And put them to use so you will be able to stand up to everything the Devil throws your way.</p> <p>Colossians 3:21 - 21 Parents, don't come down too hard on your children or you'll crush their spirits.</p>
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