

Genesis Lesson 48 Handout

Genesis 25:28

28 Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Ray Pritchard writes:

It's one of the oldest principles in the world that opposites attract, and here we have the relatively quiet father (Isaac) teaming up with his athletic son (Esau) while the dominant mother (Rebekah) loves her quiet son (Jacob).

Hebrews 12:16

16 See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau,

**Faith is
living
without
scheming.**

29 Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted.

30 And Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!" (Therefore his name was called Edom.)

31 Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright now."

Genesis 25:23

23 The LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger."

**God really
does not
need our
help.**

**Do not
make
"bad
trades"**

Hebrews 12:16

16 See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son.

**Be careful
who you
talk to
when you
are weak.**

31 Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright."

Genesis 25:32 "Look, I am about to die," Esau said.

"What good is the birthright to me?"

**Unsatisfied
appetites
can lead to
exaggerated
emotions.**

When I was going through Navy flight school, one of the requirements before you deployed on a carrier was, you had to go through Survival school.

The survival school taught you to survive if you got shot down in enemy territory.

The west coast survival school was in San Diego, and they'd take you out in the California desert for 3 days.

The first day and a half was training, in living off the land, land navigation, and evading the enemy,

The rest of the time you were actually in a mock Prisoner Of War camp, where they actually used some moderate forms of torture on us, to see if we'd break.

This survival school was not a fun experience, it was way too realistic to be fun.

But the torture wasn't the worst part,

The worst part was,

they didn't feed you anything for the whole 3 days. And you're hiking around the desert,

doing lots of physical activity, for 3 days, with no food in your stomach.

And believe me, we were hungry.

We were hungry enough that we'd eat almost anything. We killed a rattlesnake in our camp,

and we made rattlesnake soup. We killed a rabbit, and had to divide it among about 120 guys.

I ate part of the liver, raw, because I was hungry, and I thought it was good.

If you gave me a raw rabbit liver right now, I would not eat it. and I would not think it was good.

But when you're really hungry, you'll compromise, you'll do things you wouldn't normally do.

Any good nutritionist will tell you, if you need to lose weight, the worst thing you can do is starve yourself all day.

I want to lose weight, so I'm gonna skip breakfast, I'm gonna skip lunch,

well what's going to happen about 9:30pm, when from within the refrigerator,

there is a calling, there is a voice, calling your name, and its not the broccoli,

it's the Breyers ice cream.

When you're hungry and weak, beware of the quick fix.

And again, we are not really talking about food, are we.

The food is just an analogy to talk about your heart, to talk about your spiritual condition.

A lot of times the reason that we make bad deals in life,

and bad deals with people,

and bad compromises,

and bad choices and decisions,

is not because we're bad people,

but because we got too hungry.

We didn't feed ourself good spiritual food, so we went after the junk food.

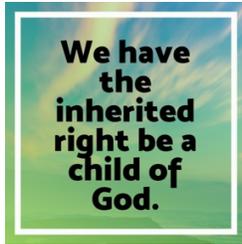
You will listen to the voice of people and not the voice of God - the Holy Spirit - living inside of you.

Don't give up long term good for short term satisfaction.

32 Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?"

33 Jacob said, "Swear to me now." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob.

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

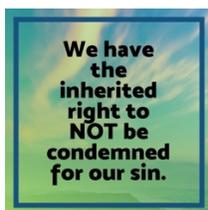


Romans 8:16 For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

2 Corinthians 6:18 "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Ephesians 1:13-14 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.



Isaiah 59:2 (NKJV)

2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

Colossians 1:12–14

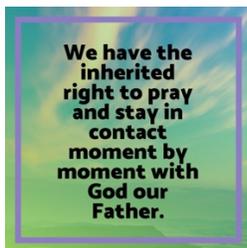
12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Romans 8:1 (NIV84)

1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,



1 Peter 3:12

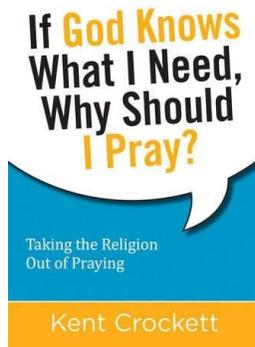
12 For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers...

Psalms 66:19

19 But certainly God has heard me; He has attended to the voice of my prayer.

1 John 5:14

14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.



Suppose I ask you to do me a favor. I need you to dig some six foot deep holes in my backyard.

So you ask – That’s weird – why do you want me to do that?

It doesn’t matter why – just do it.

So you start digging the holes reluctantly and your back hurts and you are annoyed and you keep looking at your watch.

You are only doing this because you feel obligated.

But what if that story changed and while I asked you to dig holes I explained –

my grandfather buried a treasure chest in my backyard. Since you are my best friend – if you help me find it I will split the treasure with you.

With that story behind the digging – now you are excited to dig – you are energized

Because you know there is a purpose – you know you will be rewarded for your work.

Matthew 6:8 Don’t be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!

Mark 11:23–24

23 “I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.

24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

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Luke 11:2

2 So He said to them, “When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

**Our prayers
must begin
with
SURRENDER.**

**Prayer
looks
different
for us.**

**God is not
obligated to
give me
what I ask.**

Philippians 4:6–7

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

**What HE is doing I
may not understand
this side of heaven.

I need to be okay with
that.**

Prayer is like a passkey that can open doors for you. It won't open every door but it will unlock the doors that are in God's will. You can choose to use the key or not to use it. But if you don't use the key, the doors that could have been opened might remain closed.

Some things will not happen in your life unless you pray.

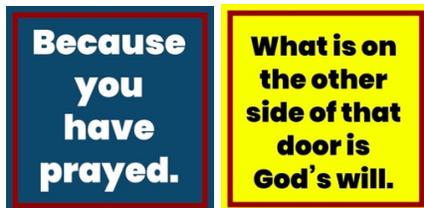
After all, if your prayers didn't make any difference, then what would be the use of praying?

God sometimes puts natural limits on what He will do, but if you'll pray He will expand those limits. He withholds some blessings because you haven't asked for them.

James 4:2 says "you do not have because you do not ask."

2 Kings 19:20

20 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Because you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, I have heard.'



"Because you prayed...I will do this for you."

1 John 5:14 (NKJV)

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**We have the
inherited right
to have peace
through the
storm.**

**We have the
inherited right
to have joy in
the midst of
trials.**

**We have the
inherited right
to spend all
eternity in
heaven.**

**We must be
careful NOT to let
satisfying the
desires we have
today rob us of
spiritual blessings
tomorrow.**

**We must NOT be
focused on
earthly
pleasures but
on eternal
treasures!**

**“If it feels good, do
it” is the philosophy
of this world, but
Christians must make
their choices with
eternity in mind.**