

sermon notes



PART 3: THE ESAU SYNDROME

“THEREFORE STRENGTHEN THE HANDS WHICH HANG DOWN, AND THE FEEBLE KNEES, AND MAKE STRAIGHT PATHS FOR YOUR FEET, SO THAT WHAT IS LAME MAY NOT BE DISLOCATED, BUT RATHER BE HEALED. PURSUE PEACE WITH ALL PEOPLE, AND HOLINESS, WITHOUT WHICH NO ONE WILL SEE THE LORD: LOOKING CAREFULLY LEST ANYONE FALL SHORT OF THE GRACE OF GOD; LEST ANY ROOT OF BITTERNESS SPRINGING UP CAUSE TROUBLE, AND BY THIS MANY BECOME DEFILED; LEST THERE BE ANY FORNICATOR OR PROFANE PERSON LIKE ESAU, WHO FOR ONE MORSEL OF FOOD SOLD HIS BIRTHRIGHT.”

Hebrews 12:12-16 NKJV

“YOU’RE BLESSED WHEN YOU’VE WORKED UP A GOOD APPETITE FOR GOD. HE’S FOOD AND DRINK IN THE BEST MEAL YOU’LL EVER EAT.”

Matthew 5:6 Message

- 1. Remember from last week that God's order in the Garden is that His job is to be our source and o u r job is to depend on Him. His role is to be the boss, our role is to obey.**

It was in that setting that Adam and Eve were most fulfilled and satisfied. They had a perfect relationship with God, a perfect marriage, a perfect place to live, a perfect workplace in the garden --- God had provided perfect satisfaction. The Devil came and deceived Eve by telling her God was holding out on her.

2. We were created with appetites:

- a. Our appetites were created by God. Sin distorted God's intended purpose for our appetites.**
- b. Appetites are never fully and finally satisfied**

c. Your appetites say NOW and never later

3. Genesis 25:29-34

a. Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom. Gen 25:29-30

- FAMISHED
- QUICK

b. Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright." (Gen 25:31)

- Selling the birthright is selling 3 things:
- Future Money, Future Power and Future Blessing
- Who in their right mind sells their Birthright?

c. "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?" (Gen 25:32)

- We must understand the power of our appetites

d. Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

Gen 25:34

- The stew was gone and the birthright was gone

TODAY, WHAT IS YOUR BOWL OF STEW?"