Genesis Chapter 27

V: 1 Isaac is presented here when he is older and seemingly more feeble, he is 137 years old.

Proverbs 3:1-2 "[1]My son, do not forget my law, but let your heart keep my commands; [2]For length of days and long life and peace they will add to you."

Genesis 25:26 **Isaac** is 60 years old when Jacob & Esau are born.
Genesis 26:34 **Isaac is** 100 years old, when Esau takes two wives @ 40.
Genesis 35:28-29 Isaac is 180 years old at his death.
Genesis 30:24 Joseph is born.
Genesis 30:25 Jacob wants to leave, and go home with his wives & children, now he works for cattle / wages 6 more years.
Genesis 31:38 **Jacob** has been gone from home for 20 years when he begins to return.
Genesis 31:41 7 years for each wife, 6 years for the cattle.
Genesis 37:2 Joseph is 17 or so years old when he is sold into slavery.
Genesis 41:46 Joseph is 30 years old when he is appointed 2nd in Egypt, after which there are 7 years of plenty, and 7 years of famine.
Genesis 45:11 2 years into the famine (5 left to go) Jacob is beckoned to Egypt with the remainder of his family.
Genesis 47:9 Jacob is 130 years old when he stands before Pharaoh.

- When Jacob is 130, Joseph is 39. (30 + 7 +2)
- Jacob is 91 years old when Joseph is born to him from Rachel.
- Joseph was born after Jacob had been with Laban 14 years (7 for each wife), and as he agreed to stay and work for Laban for cattle (6 years).
- Jacob was 91 when Joseph was born, 14 years prior he left home at 77 years old. Isaac was 60 years old when Jacob was born, meaning he was 137 (60 + 77) years or so old as this chapter opens.

"… and his eyes were so dim, so that he could not see,…"

2 Corinthians 5:7 "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

- Isaac was blind physically, but he continued trying to see through his physical eyes instead of allowing the Spirit to guide him by faith.

Paul tells us:
1 Corinthians 13:12 "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known."

- When we're face to face with Jesus and we see oh so clearly, it will not be with physical, or fleshly eyes – it will be with spiritual eyes, faith filled eyes – by faith.

Consider the verse prior to **1 Corinthians 13:12**

1 Corinthians 13:11 "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things."

- When I matured, I put away seeing through the eyes of my flesh, and I began to see through spiritual eyes, faith filled eyes – "walking by faith, not by sight."

- Isaac is suffering from both physical and spiritual blindness in part, but God is going to bring him a wake up call here shortly.

V: 2-4 Isaac knows he's old, and says *"I do not know the day of my death."*

- True enough, none of us do. We just know that it's coming one way or another.

Hebrews 9:27 "And as it is appointed for men once to die, then the judgment."

- Isaac is not as close to death as he thinks, he will actually live for another 43 years to when he dies at 180. (Ishmael died at 137)

Ecclesiastes 9:12 "For man also does not know his time; like fish taken in a cruel net, like birds caught in a snare, so the sons of men are snared in an evil time, when it falls suddenly upon them."

- Esau sold his birth right for a bowl of soup, now Isaac ups the ante and is going to sell the blessing for some venison.

- Isaac is intent on giving the blessing to Esau knowing that God intended it for Jacob.

- Esau's weapons: *"your quiver and your bow…"*

Speaking of the Anti-Christ:

Revelation 6:1-2 "[1]Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, come. [2]And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer."

Ephesians 6:11-12, 16 "[11]Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. [12]For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." – "[16]Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one."

Hebrews 12:16 "Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, like Esau…"

- Often times we look at Jacob's character issues, issue that God will deal with; but Esau has more severe character issues than Jacob. Jacob has a capacity for the things of God and in fact desired the birthright, and along with it the mantle of spiritual leadership that came with it. On the other hand, God hated Esau!

1. Esau despised his birthright, selling it for a bowl of soup.

Genesis 25:29–34

- Esau comes in from the field, exhausted and hungry. Jacob is cooking lentil stew.
- Esau swears an oath and sells his birthright; despising his birthright. In return, he gets bread and a bowl of stew.

- Esau was incredibly foolish. He reduced the value of the birthright down to the value of a bowl of soup, and in so doing despised it, gave it little value or worth.

- On the other hand Jacob did value the birthright and shrewdly knew his brother's fleshly, worldly tendencies, and used it to his advantage.

- What was the birthright?

- In the Biblical time of Genesis the birthright meant:

    1. Becoming head of the family after their father passed away.
    2. It typically meant receiving a double portion of the inheritance.
    3. More importantly it meant having the place of spiritual leadership in the family.
    4. It also meant receiving the covenant promise that God had given to Abraham, then to Isaac: that all nations would be blessed through his lineage.

- And Esau traded all of it for soup.

Genesis 25:34 closes with a sobering line: "Thus Esau despised his birthright." It wasn't just hunger. Esau treated something sacred as if it were ordinary.

- Esau didn't lose his birthright because it was taken from him. He gave it away because he didn't value it.

1. Esau despised his birthright, selling it for a bowl of soup.

2. Esau had grieved his parents in his marriages, not waiting on the Lord, taking multiple pagan wives – and only God knows what else.

3. The Bible describes Esau as an un-repentant & immoral man.

Hebrews 12:16 "Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, like Esau…"

4. All of which would seem to have corroborated, or confirmed the word, the prophecy that God had given to Isaac & Rebekah:

   Genesis 25:23 "And the Lord said to her, two nations are in your womb, two peoples shall be separated from your body one people shall be stronger than the other, and the older shall serve the younger."

   - Isaac seems to be working against that direction from God, intending to bless Esau. Make me some savory meat – please son – feed my flesh….

V: 5-7 Rebekah overhears the conversation, kind of like Sarah when the Lord came to visit Abraham with two angels. Tent's aren't good for private conversations.

- Rebekah knows the prophecy of the Lord, just as Isaac does. It appears that she's going to help her husband do the right thing, even if he doesn't know it.

- She doesn't understand that God's perfect will would be accomplished regardless of her or Isaac's involvement.

Galatians 3:1, 3 "[1]O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth,…" - "[3]Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

V: 8-12 Rebekah hatches a deceptive plot.

- Jacob is willing to play along, not so concerned about the deception as with possibly getting caught. Flesh fest! Esau, Isaac, Rebecca, Jacob!

- The 10 commandments hadn't been etched in stone yet, but they were all certainly aware of the commandment of God.

Exodus 20:16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

Psalm 51:6 "Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the inward part You will make me to know wisdom."

Listening to / obeying his mother:

Acts 4:19 "But Peter and John answer and said to them, "whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge."

- Neither is trusting in God's plan or His promise – they are just as blind as Isaac.

- God's blessing is true whether Isaac speaks the words or not.

- This could also be a way of preventing Isaac from sinning further, preventing him from going against God's will – bringing him to his senses:

  1. Isaac trembled physically when he learned the truth.
  2. Rebekah and Jacob are not rebuked for their actions, although later they each suffered the consequences of their actions.
     a. Rebekah never saw Jacob again after he left to visit her brother.
     b. Jacob was abused and deceived by Laban, getting a dose of his own medicine.
- In the end, Jacob was blessed just as God said he would be.

V: 13-18 Together they execute the plan, faking the food and putting on the disguise, taking advantage of both Isaac's physical and spiritual blindness.

V: 13 "Let your curse be on me, my son…" – sad words that were later fulfilled.

- Rebekah never saw her favorite son again, or her many grandchildren.

V: 14 Rebekah could fix goat meat to taste just like venison – no real need for Esau to go out and hunt.

Proverbs 23:2-3 "[2]And put a knife to your throat if you are a man given to appetite. [3]Do not desire his delicacies, for they are deceptive food."

Paul warn't us against fleshly desires:

Ephesians 2:3 "among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others."

V: 15-17 Esau's clothes, some hairy animal skins.

"[15]Rebekah took…" Rebekah *"put them on Jacob…". "[16]… she put". "[17]she gave… she prepared…"*

V: 18 The final ingredient, savory meat *"and the bread"*

- Jacob obtained the birth right which his brother despised for a bowl of soup. As Jacob serves Esau the bowl of soup he serves him both bread and the soup.

- Here again as he is about to receive the blessing, this time through trickery, we see Jacob serving, and again he is serving bread.

- Eventually we see Jesus, the bread of life, who comes through Jacob's lineage and descendants, who comes as a servant.

Luke 22:27 "… yet I am among you as One who serves."

- We'll see the fruition of God's promises through Jacob, which is an important thing to remember as we read through this incident.

"… who are you, my son?"

- Isaac knows that it's one of his sons, but not which one.
- Isaac doesn't display much discernment.
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V: 19-20 Jacob outright lies to his father, seeking – striving for the blessing.

- One lie usually begets another. *"I have done just as you told me…"* and another: *"my game…"*

"20How is it that you found it so quickly my son? Because the Lord your God brought it to me."

- Invoking God's name, making the lie worse…

Job 13:7 "Will you speak wickedly for God, and talk deceitfully for Him?

Exodus 20:7 "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain."

Exodus 20:16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

V: 21 Isaac is in some way suspicious – wanting to feel his son.

- Isaac's feelings didn't lead him to the truth, they deceived him.
- Feelings do that.

Proverbs 28:26 "He who trusts in his own heart is a fool…"

The Word though, that is truth:
John 17:17 "Sanctify them by Thy Truth, Thy Word is Truth."

Psalm 119:105 "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

V: 22-27 Isaac cannot see physically or spiritually at this point.

- We have 5 senses: Sight, touch, smell, taste, and hearing.

- He's not listening to the still small voice within him that is giving him a check in the Spirit.

V: 22-23 Isaac says: *"the voice is Jacob's, but the hands are Esau's."*

Critical test: do we trust / believe the "word" or do we truth / believe the "feeling"?

- Isaac is allowing his "feelings" to somehow trump the "word" which he heard.
- In so doing, Isaac is deceived.
- Often times we are deceived in the same manner, we allow our feelings and our emotions to override God's word.
- Fear is one of many emotions, love can be also, these are often given precedence over God's word.
- The resulting pain and heart ache would be so avoidable if we would just learn to trust in the Lord and obey His word.

Psalm 119:165 "Great peace have they that love thy law, and nothing causes them to stumble."

Psalm 119:105 "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not upon your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your path."

Psalm 32:9 "Do not be like the horse or like the mule, which have no understanding, which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, else they will not come near you."

Isaiah 30:21 "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left."

2 Peter 1:2-3 "2Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 3according as His divine power has given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that has called us to glory and virtue:"

V: 21-24 (Review)

- Isaac was depending on his feelings, and his feelings lied to him.
- Our feelings will mislead us as well:

From: **The Marketing of Evil** by David Kupelian (Pages 99-101 as marked / quoted below.)

- Marketing Multiculturalism – using our emotions against us to accomplish their agenda.

"It's easy to blame 60's radicals, university Marxists, cowardly politicians, and an elitist press for today's multicultural madness. But the fact is, millions of Americans have bought into it. Why?

Isn't it obvious? Since the 1960's, America – from her government to her schools and even to her churches – has steadily fallen away from the Judeo-Christian values that previously illuminated and gave life and strength to the nation's institutions. This is equivalent to turning out the country's lights. And when you turn out the lights, everything looks the same in the dark – that's multiculturalism.

Moreover, no longer guided by universal standards of right and wrong, Americans have had nothing more reliable than their own feelings to guide them in the moral realm. And as modern marketing well knows, when people are operating primarily on the basis of feelings and emotions, they're wide open to every sort of imaginable manipulation.

Marketing is the application of the knowledge of human psychology to the task of persuasion. And what psychology has taught the marketing world is that the most powerful persuasion of all takes place not through above-the-board appeals to reason but by directly targeting the emotions.

By way of illustration, cigarettes were once sold on the basis of "great taste" and "fine tobacco." Not all that convincing, but then there aren't a whole lot of features and benefits to sell with cigarettes. Then along came the Marlboro Man. Created in 1955 for Philip Morris company by advertising giant Leo Burnett, this icon of the quintessential American cowboy is probably the most famous brand image to appear in our lifetimes. The rugged, masculine trademark made Marlboro the world's best selling cigarette.

What does the Marlboro Man – a rancher on a horse – have to do with cigarettes? Nothing, except that the ubiquitous (ever present) cowboy evoked within millions of men feelings of masculinity, independence, wide open spaces, and freedom. So successful has been the decades old campaign that on some ads the image is reduced to a little more than a saddle and a splash of red, but – like Pavlov's bell – it still subtly makes people salivate for the mythical place called Marlboro Country.

For the last generation, commercial marketing has aimed not so much at extolling the intrinsic value or usefulness of a product to consumers but rather at conditioning the consumer to associate the product with a particular feeling. [*A politician and a mythical time period - Camelot*] Bottom line: if the marketer can elicit in you a feeling – the right feeling – he has won. Game over.

With this principal in mind, let's look at how the public is so easily persuaded to abandon long-held loyalties. How are people so readily convinced that Columbus, a national hero for five hundred years, as well as the Pilgrims, revered and studied by generations of schoolchildren, were actually genocidal racists? How are our former sentiments opposing homosexuality or Wicca so easily transformed into "enlightened tolerance and open support? Pick a topic – let's say, same sex marriage.

Imagine you're participating in a televised one-on-one debate. You're defending traditional marriage. Facing off against you is a lesbian. But not just any lesbian. An attractive, young, eloquent, educated, sensitive, well-dressed lesbian – and to all appearances a fine human being. She looks you in the eyes and says, in a disarmingly mainstream and reasonable tone: "I love my country (patriotism), I obey it's laws and I pay my taxes (reasonable citizen). I'm an American, and have all the same rights you do (appeal to fairness). In fact, I've served my country in the military and have put my life on the line. (she's a veteran!) I've lived monogamously with my partner for eighteen years. (Loyalty) We truly love each other and want nothing more than to be married and to live out our lives in peace and happiness – just like you. (True love!) What's the matter with that? Why shouldn't we be allowed to be married? How does it hurt you? (Personal intimidation)

You have thirty seconds to respond before the commercial break. How can you neutralize the powerful, positive emotions your opponent has skillfully evoked? Will you offer up a statement about the dangers of altering the traditional definition of marriage? Will you point out that children do better with both a mother and father? Will you say the Bible clearly condemns homosexual acts?

The debate will be won by whoever conjures up the strongest emotions of sympathy in the audience. Therefore, unless you're an extraordinarily gifted and charismatic debater – you lose. And when you lose, millions of people out in TV land are pulled a few inches further away from the commonsense values and a few inches closer to embracing, or at least resigning themselves to accepting, same sex marriage."

- The only thing we can say is – "the Word of God says…"
- It's a spiritual battle, not a marketing battle, or "common sense" type battle.

2 Corinthians 10:4 "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;"

- It all comes back to God's word:

Proverbs 14:12 "There is a way which seems right to a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"

Proverbs 28:26 "He who trusts in his own heart is a fool: but whoever walks wisely, he shall be delivered."

- Our reliance has to be in God's word!

Again:

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not upon your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your path."

Psalm 119:105 "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

V: 24 There is doubt in Isaac's mind, he asks directly – and Jacob lies again.

- Isaac believes because he's already been deceived.

Proverbs 12:22 "Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, but those who deal truthfully are His delight."

- Besides being wrong, lying also at times brings un-intended consequences.

1 Samuel 21-22 David is fleeing the wrath of king Saul, he goes to Nob where the priests and the Tabernacle are. He tells the Priest Ahimilech that he's on an errand for the king and because it was so urgent he doesn't have any food or weapons.

- At David's request Ahimelech gives David the show bread that had been taken from the Table of Show bread, and he also gives David Goliath's sword that had been dedicated to the LORD and left with the Tabernacle.

- Later on Saul gets wind of what happened and calls the priests - all of them and in his wrath orders their execution. The guards refuse to touch God's anointed but Doeg the Edomite volunteers for the task and murders all 85 of the priests and their families.

- We typically blame wicked Doeg for this travesty - but it began with David's lie.

James 3:5 "Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles!

Ephesians 4:25 "Therefore, putting away lying, let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor. For we are members of one another."

V: 25 Jacob brings the savory meat, but he brings it with bread and with wine:

- The elements of communion, the same elements that Melchizedek brought to Abraham, the same elements that Jesus offered to his disciples as a reminder of his sacrificial death on the cross for our sins.

- Jacob doesn't yet realize all of what he's doing, but he is doing that which he has a capacity for – and God will bring him to that realization as he continues to walk and grow in the Lord.

- Ironic in a way, Isaac has made the venison, his son's game, the savory food that he loves a condition of the blessing - in a sense he's selling the blessing for a venison steak, as opposed to a bowl of soup.

- I praise God that He doesn't barter with us for His blessings! He blesses us because He loves us and wants the best for us - not because we deserve it, or have earned it - or have done something for him, on the contrary we benefit from His grace, His un-merited favor in spite of our behavior and nature simply because He loves us.

Ephesians 2:8-9 "[8]For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, [9]not of works, lest any man should boast.

V: 26-27 One last test: come near and kiss me - still looking for one last confirmation - which in his mind he receives - his sense of smell tells him that this is indeed Esau because of the smell of the field. His senses deceive him.

- At the least Isaac realizes the value of the blessing and is trying to ensure that it goes to whom he wants it to go to and what will follow because of it. Now he's sure - unfortunately for him he is surely deceived

1 Corinthians 3:19 "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God."

V: 28-29 He ate the food, now the blessing:

"May God give you…"

James 1:17 "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."

- God had promised to bless Abraham & Isaac, that their descendants would be like the stars of the heavens, that they would inherit the land all about, and that he would protect them.

- Isaac had also been blessed with the harvest / 100 fold – probably continuing past the time with Abimelech, so he adds that to the blessing for his son. The

dew of heaven means his crops will flourish, which is the fatness of the earth, plenty of grain and wine.

- Peoples serving him and nations bowing down refers to victory over his enemies, peace and security. He's given dominance over his brethren, not just Esau, but all his relatives / brothers.

- Then a repeat of Genesis 12:3

Genesis 12:3 "I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families or the earth shall be blessed."

- Isaac incorporates the prophecy received from the Lord about the two sons into the blessing – but seeks to apply it to Esau – which back fires.

V: 30-31 The two brothers practically pass each other.

- Esau prepares the venison and approaches his father.

- Something is different / missing: There is no bread, and no wine.

- Jacob brought these things which remind us of the "bread of life" and the blood that was poured out for our sin – our Lord Jesus. (VV 17 & 25).

- Jacob was exercising his birthright weather he knew it or not – but Esau has no capacity for these things, no capacity for Jesus.

- These elements are missing from his life and he can't give what he doesn't have.

Revelation 2:7 "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches;…" (Esau doesn't have this.)

- Speaking too those that have a capacity to hear, He says, hear.

- It's also noteworthy that Esau also knew the prophecy given to Rebekah just prior to his and Jacob's birth.

Genesis 25:23 "And the LORD said to her: "Two nations are in your womb, two peoples shall be separated from your body; one people shall be stronger than the other, and the older shall serve the younger." (It's gonna happen!)

Joshua's testimony:

Joshua 23:14 "Behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth. And you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spoke concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one word of them has failed."

Matthew 5:18 "For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled."

V: 32-33 Isaac exercises no more spiritual discernment with Esau than he did with Jacob.

- As Esau speaks and identifies himself – *"Isaac trembled exceedingly"*

Proverbs 19:21 "There are many plans in a man's heart, nevertheless the LORD's counsel - that will stand."

- God's wake up call has just arrived.

The Bible tells us:
Numbers 32:23 "… and be sure your sin will find you out."

- Isaac sought to defy God's will, and to contradict God's word – and God wouldn't allow it – and now Isaac knows it!

"and indeed he shall be blessed."

Psalm 138:2 "I will worship toward Thy holy temple, and praise Thy name for Thy lovingkindness and for Thy truth: for Thou hast magnified Thy Word above all Thy name."

Isaiah 55:11 "So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

V: 34 Esau wines and begs, cries a great and exceeding bitter cry – but to no avail.

Hebrews 12:17 "For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears."

- He was rejected; not by his father, Isaac wanted him to have the blessing, he was rejected by God - who intended for the blessing to go to Jacob all along.

- Why was he rejected by God? Because he found no place for repentance; he was an unrepentant sinner.

- Why are men rejected by God today - same reason - refusing to repent from their sins.

- Esau's cry was a *"great and bitter cry"*

Hebrews 12:15 "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…"

- Esau is actually the example used in the admonition about bitterness:

Hebrews 12:16 "lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright."

V: 35 There is bitterness in Isaac's heart as well: he describes Jacob not only in negative terms, but that he took "your" blessing – Esau's blessing – which is not true – it was Jacob taking Jacob's blessing – it was Jacob's blessing all along - that God gave him.

- Isaac spoke the words, but the blessing came from God.
- Just after Abraham died, God visits Isaac, God appears to Isaac and speaks to him – blessing him.
- We don't read about Abraham blessing Isaac with God's blessing.
- Even if there were that type of blessing – ultimately God is the one who blesses, not man.

V: 36 Esau sniveling: *"he took away my birthright"* – nope: sold that which he despised for a bowl of soup.

- God gave Jacob the birth right even before they were born – still un-acknowledged by either Isaac or Esau.

V: 37-40 We don't see repentance on the part of either man, just a resignation to the facts.

- Confirmation that the older will serve the younger.
- Esau will also enjoy the fatness of the earth, and the dew of heaven.
- But… by your sword you shall live - meaning he will have conflict.

V: 40 The bitterness of Isaac's heart has warped his thinking: he speaks / adds something that will never happen.

"… it shall come to pass when you become restless, that you shall break his yoke from your neck."

- Guess what? According to God's word – that is never going to happen.

Hebrews 12:15-17 "[15]looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many be come defiled; [16]lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.""

V: 41 Esau hated his brother, and intended to murder him.

Galatians 5:22-23 fruit of the Spirit:
Galatians 5:19-21 "[19]Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, [20]idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, [21]envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God."

"... Esau said in his heart,.." It always starts as in issue of the heart, then it's words, then it's actions.

Jesus told us:
Matthew 12:34 "… for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

- Later, Rebekah knows from the servants that Esau intends to kill his brother, so he must have spoken what was in his heart.

- That is why Jesus always dealt with the issues of the heart.

V: 42-45 Rebekah again intervenes – devising a plan to save Jacob.

- All based on fear, not trusting in God's promise to multiply or protect Jacob and his descendants.

- Fear is never a good basis for a decision.

- Sound decisions are based on God's word.

2 Timothy 1:7 "For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

"[44]Stay with him a few days" - which ends up being 20 years

Genesis 31:38 "These twenty years I have been with you; your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried their young, and I have not eaten the rams of your flock."

V: 46 Sets the next plan in motion, to send Jacob to Laban for a bride.

- Jacob's deceitfulness will eventually be repaid to him many times over by uncle Laban – who is a master of the craft.

Galatians 6:7-8 "[7]Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. [8]For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life."

- As much as we can see Jacob's faults, the only time he is rebuked is by Esau & Laban.

- Whenever God speaks to Jacob it is to bless him.

Isaiah 55:8-9 "[8]For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, says the Lord. [9]For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."