

CHAMPIONS OF FAITH

“When Family Ties Come Loose”

Hebrews 11:20 & Genesis 25:19-33; 27:1-46

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“By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.” **Hebrews 11:20**

Turn to Genesis 25:19-33.

“And make sure that there isn’t any immoral or irreverent person like Esau, who sold his birthright in exchange for one meal” **Hebrews 12:16**

What was the birthright and who did it belong to? _____

I. The Failure of a Dysfunctional Family

Turn to Genesis 27.

A. The S _____ F _____.

B. The S _____ M _____.

C. A S _____ S _____.

God has blessed us with a birthright. **Ephesians 1:3**, “Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens.”

D. A S _____ B _____.

II. The Faith of a Disciplined Father

“If we were properly evaluating ourselves, we would not be judged.” **1 Corinthians 11:31**

III. The Forecast of a Determined Future.

Turn to Genesis 28.

“Many plans are in a man’s heart, but the Lord’s decree will prevail.” **Proverbs 19:21**

“The Lord frustrates the counsel of the nations; He thwarts the plans of the peoples.” **Psalms 33:10**

Lessons from a dysfunctional family:

1. Dysfunctional families produce dysfunctional c_____.
2. A father’s p_____ often determine the family’s direction.
3. Parents have great power to b_____ or to c_____.
4. We cannot always c_____ for our children.
5. Man’s failure cannot nullify God’s s_____.

To Help Hold My Family Together, I Will:

- † Trust in God and not get ahead of His plan for me and my family.
- † (Parents) Bless and pray for my children regularly.
- † (Dads) Reject the carnal man and be the spiritual leader of my family.
- † (Moms) Respect my husband with biblical submission and support.
- † (Children) Pray for my parents and submit to their godly leadership.