

Thursology 71: "Forgive & Forget" Isn't REAL!
The Healthy Boundaries of Forgiving Evil (Trib Implications #17)

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--Review

--Application: Just because our mistreatment...or deception...isn't as _____ as Jacob's...doesn't mean we can _____ having to set things _____!!!

--Back to Esau Getting Hosed

--Gen 27:30-35, 38 → V. 41

--Esau's response: He's _____!!!

--Gen 33:1-4

--The big surprise from Esau: He had _____ Jacob

--The Forgiveness Facts:

--**Forgiveness Fact #1:** Esau *forgave* Jacob...but he didn't _____ what _____

--Gen. 27:42-45

--Key Concept #1: Forgiveness isn't _____ that something _____

--Key Concept #2: Forgiveness isn't _____ about a _____

--The Forgiveness Paradox: You can't _____ forgive... unless you _____ how much they _____ you!!!

--**Forgiveness Fact #2:** Esau *forgave* Jacob...but he didn't _____ that it didn't _____

--Gen. 27:34 → V. 38

--Key Concept: _____ forgiveness...requires _____ truthfulness!!!

--**Forgiveness Fact #3:** Esau *forgave* Jacob...but he didn't _____ of what he _____

--Key Concept: Forgiveness removes the _____ of the wrong...even though the _____ that the sin was committed...can *never* be _____!!!

--**Forgiveness Fact #4:** Esau _____ Jacob...but he didn't _____ him _____

--Precept #1: Forgiveness doesn't _____ the need for _____

--Precept #2: To truly forgive...you must _____ your
_____ for _____

--Key Concept: We cannot _____ our desires...but we are
able to _____ them to the Lord!!!

--*"Lord...I can't forgive them by myself. With all the pain they inflicted on me...I don't want to forgive them. But I'm willing to have You change my heart. I'm willing to have You change my desires. And as you give me the grace to forgive...I'm willing to say 'no' to hurting them back."*

--Forgiveness Fact #5: Esau forgave Jacob...but he didn't have to
_____ the _____

--Key Concept #1: Forgiveness must have _____ strings
attached...but...reconciliation has _____ of strings attached!!!

--Key Concept #2: Forgiveness isn't a _____ to return
to _____ way!!!

--Forgiveness Fact #6: Esau forgave Jacob...but he didn't have to _____
him

--The two things that might make trust possible again:

1. You must completely _____ all of the
_____ of what you did
2. You must completely _____ the one you _____
from any _____

Thursology 70: We've ALL Hurt SOMEONE:
Acknowledging When the Shoe is on the Other Foot (Trib Implications #16)
(Thursology Live! 2/24/22)

--Review: Three kinds of “victims”

--#1: PLAYS the role of the innocent victim

--#2: The MOSTLY innocent victim

--#3: The TRULY innocent victim

--Jacob: From deception...to accountability...to repentance...to restoration

--Gen 25:27-34 → Jacob's two great treacheries against Esau:

--Treachery #1: He STOLE Esau's BIRTHRIGHT

--Gen 27:1-38

--Treachery #2: He STOLE Esau's BLESSING

--The relevance of Jacob's story...to ALL of us:

--Precept #1: Even if our betrayal isn't as SPECTACULAR as Jacob's...we know that all of us have advanced our own INTERESTS...at the EXPENSE of someone else

--Precept #2: When someone has hurt US...we can feel JUSTIFIED in hurting OTHERS

--Precept #3: When we MISTREAT someone...if we're looking for SUPPORT for our actions...we'll likely be able to find someone who will actually APPROVE of what we do

--Precept #4: It takes more than TIME and a “COOLING off” period...for a victim's pain to go AWAY!

--Gen 27:38, 41-45

--Application #1: We'll never really be at PEACE...until we come CLEAN with GOD!!!

--Jacob's two “Big Requests” for blessing:

--Big Request #1: Jacob asks ISAAC for the Blessing

--Gen 27:19: From his father he demands...“BLESS me...”

--V. 18: The question his father asked him right before his demand:

--“What is your NAME?”

--Big Request #2: Jacob asks GOD for the Blessing

--Gen 32:24-25 → Vv. 25-26

--Jacob's redundant demand: He's in a WRESTLING match with his HEAVENLY Father...and...from his Father, he demands...“BLESS me!!!”

--Gen 32:26-27:

--His Father's show-stopping question: “What is your NAME?”

--Gen 32:27: → Jacob did two things when he said his name:

1. He was being HONEST...rather than DECEPTIVE
2. He was CONFESSING before God...WHAT...and WHO...he was!!!

--Jacob's remarkable confession: When he said that he was “Ya'akov”...in Hebrew it meant...literally...that he was a DECEIVER...a SUPPLANTER...a LIAR...and a CHEATER!!!

--Gen 32:27-28 → “Yisra'el” has two great meanings:

--The Hebrew meaning: “God **PREVAILS**...God **RULES**...God **CONTENDS** for you...God **PROTECTS** you...God **BLESSES** you”

--The prophetic meaning: You will **BECOME** a *mighty* **NATION**

--**Application #2:** We'll never really be at **PEACE**...until we truly come **CLEAN** with those whom we have **HURT**

--Gen 27:33-26 → V. 38 → The steps in Jacob's restoration:

--Step #1: 32:3-7a, 13-15, 16-20: Jacob **RECOGNIZED** that restoration is **COSTLY** and was willing to **PAY** the price

--Step #2: 33:1-3: Jacob **HUMBLED** himself before his brother

--Step #3: V. 5: → “Your servant.” → Jacob gave **FIRST** place **BACK** to his brother

--Step #4: Vv. 6-11: Jacob gave the **BIRTHRIGHT** back to his brother

--Key Concept: For Jacob to be released from the **CURSE** of his own wickedness...and to receive God's **BLESSINGS** in his life...he had to set things right with **GOD**...and...He had to set things right with **OTHERS**

--**Application #3:** Just because our mistreatment...or deception...isn't as **IMPRESSIVE** as Jacob's...doesn't mean we can **AVOID** really setting things **RIGHT**!!!

--**Application #4:** If you will do what it takes to set things **RIGHT**...not only can God reverse the wrongs that **YOU** did...He can even use **YOU** to reverse the wrongs that **OTHERS** did!!!

--What Esau's father said: (Gen 27:39-40) → Then Isaac his father answered and said to him, “Your brother **YOU** shall **SERVE**...”

--A huge moment in Esau's life: As Jacob talked to Esau...Jacob called himself Esau's **SERVANT**

--The incredible reversal of the curse: Jacob gave Esau the **BLESSING** that his **FATHER** had **WITHHELD** from him!!!

--Key Concept: You may not only be able to set right what **YOU** did to them...you may be able to set right what **OTHERS** did to them as well!!! →

--**Application #5:** It's never too **LATE** to make things **RIGHT** with those whom you've **HURT**

--A surprising fact: When Jacob finally *restored* his relationships with **GOD** and his **BROTHER**...he was in his **90s**

--Gen 33:4: “Then Esau *ran* to meet Jacob and *embraced* him, and *fell on his neck* and *kissed* him, *and they wept.*”