

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 _____ Esau's _____

--Gen 27:1-38

--Treachery #2: He _____ Esau's _____

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

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

--Precept #2: When someone has hurt _____...we can feel
_____ in hurting _____

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

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

--Gen 27:38, 41-45

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

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

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

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

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

--“What is your _____?”

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

--Gen 32:24-25 → Vv. 25-26

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

--Gen 32:26-27:

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

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

1. He was being _____...rather than _____
2. He was _____ before God... _____
...and _____...he was!!!

--Jacob's remarkable confession: When he said that he was
"Ya'aqov"...in Hebrew it meant...literally...that he was a
_____...a _____...a _____...and
a _____!!!

--**Gen 32:27-28** → "Yisra'el" has two great meanings:

--The Hebrew meaning: "God _____...God
_____...God _____ for you...God
_____ you...God _____ you"

--The prophetic meaning: You will _____ a mighty

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

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

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

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

--Step #3: **V. 5:** → "Your servant." → Jacob gave _____ place
_____ to his brother

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

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

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

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

--What Esau's father said: (Gen 27:39-40) → Then Isaac his father answered and
said to him, "Your brother _____ shall _____ ..."

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

--The incredible reversal of the curse: Jacob gave Esau the _____ that his _____ had _____ from him!!!

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

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

--A surprising fact: When Jacob finally restored his relationships with _____ and his _____...he was in his _____

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

Thursology 69: The Age of Victimhood: I've Been Done Wrong!!!

(Implications of the Tribulation-Pt 15)

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--Review:

--Key Concept: It can be really difficult to tell the difference between hardship that comes as a direct test from GOD...hardship that comes from the ENEMY...and hardship that comes from just living in a FALLEN world

--Application: Amazingly...God can use others' intentional EVIL...to make us BETTER than if we had never EXPERIENCED the suffering that they INFLICT!!!

--Three kinds of "victims":

--Person #1: PLAYS the role of the innocent VICTIM

--Biblical figure: King SAUL

--I Sam 15:10-13, 16-20, 26-28:

--Saul has two perspectives that control everything in his life:

--His perspective on the past: He lost his kingdom because he was RIPPED off...and it's someone else's FAULT!!!

--His perspective on the future: For the rest of his life...Saul believes he's a VICTIM...and the whole WORLD is involved in a CONSPIRACY against him.

--I Sam 22:8

--For all of you have conspired against me so that there is no one who discloses to me when my son makes a covenant with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you who is sorry for me or discloses to me that my son has stirred up my servant against me to lie in ambush, as it is this day."

--The delusions of victimhood:

--Delusion #1: Everyone CONSPIRES against me!!!

--Delusion #2: No one feels SORRY for me!!!

--The result of the delusions of victimhood: The victim's life is DRIVEN by feeling SORRY for themselves!!!

--Person #2: The MOSTLY innocent VICTIM

--Biblical figure: JOSEPH

--Person #3: The TRULY innocent VICTIM

--Biblical figure: Naaman's SERVANT

--II Kings 5:1-19:

--The servant girl's testimony: She came to the point of such complete TRUST in God that not even unfair HARDSHIP kept her from being REDEMPITIVE...in the lives of her ENEMIES!!!

--Key Concept: Our response to our ENEMIES can either make us BITTER...or it can make us like JESUS

--Application: There's a difference between THINKING you're a victim...and actually BEING one

--Key Concept #1: Among these three biblical figures...the only one who actually THOUGHT they were a victim...was SAUL

--Key Concept #2: The only one who THOUGHT he was a victim...WASN'T!!!

--A lesson from the real victims: Even though victimhood is REAL...considering oneself a victim isn't...HELPFUL!!!

--The problems associated with "taking on" victimhood:

--Problem #1: It's often not TRUE

--The complication associated with Problem #1: You'll miss what you need to LEARN from the CONSEQUENCES of your decisions, actions, and attitudes.

--Problem #2: If it's true...having the SELF-understanding of victimhood...doesn't help you have VICTORY over what HAPPENED

--Key Concept #1: Whether you're a true victim or not...if victimhood becomes your IDENTITY...it will DEFINE and CONTROL your life!!!

--Key Concept #2: You must BREAK the bondage of victimhood...not by BEING a victim...but by REFUSING to be a victim!!!

--Key Concept #3: The only PERFECT victim in all of history...didn't CONSIDER Himself...a victim!!!

--John 10:15, 17-18:

--"...even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep...For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again..."

--John 19:10-11:

--So Pilate said to Him, "You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?" Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above..."

--Why is picking up our Cross so central to being delivered from the bondage of victimhood???

--Because there can be no RESURRECTION...unless first there's...a DEATH!!!