

Surrender May 22-23, 2010

Surrender: *to yield, give up or over, submit, abandon, relinquish,*

And the LORD told her, "The sons in your womb will become two rival nations. One nation will be stronger than the other; the descendants of your older son will serve the descendants of your younger son." *Genesis chapter 25, verse 23 (20)*

But Rebekah overheard what Isaac had said to his son Esau. So when Esau left to hunt for the wild game, she said to her son Jacob, "Listen. I overheard your father say to Esau, 'Bring me some wild game and prepare me a delicious meal. Then I will bless you in the Lord's presence before I die.' Now, my son, listen to me. Do exactly as I tell you. ⁹ Go out to the flocks, and bring me two fine young goats. I'll use them to prepare your father's favorite dish. Then take the food to your father so he can eat it and bless you before he dies." *Genesis chapter 27, verses 5-10 (21)*

- It's not what I know... it's what I do with what I know.
- I must surrender to God what only he should control.
- Fear is the enemy of surrender.
- My desire to control things comes from fear.

When I take control...

- **I have more faith in what I can do than what God can do.** *"Now, my son, listen to me. Do exactly as I tell you." Genesis chapter 27, verse 8 (21)*
- **I become a phony.** *"Then she took Esau's favorite clothes, which were there in the house, and gave them to her younger son, Jacob. She covered his arms and the smooth part of his neck with the skin of the young goats." Genesis chapter 27, verses 15-16 (22)*
- **I forfeit God's blessing for "my" blessing.** *"What if my father touches me? He'll see that I'm trying to trick him, and then he'll curse me instead of blessing me." But his mother replied, "Then let the curse fall on me, my son! Just do what I tell you. Go out and get the goats for me!" Genesis chapter 27, verses 12-13 (22)*
- **I replace joy and peace with pain and fear.** *"From that time on, Esau hated Jacob because their father had given Jacob the blessing. And Esau began to scheme: "I will soon be mourning my father's death. Then I will kill my brother, Jacob." Genesis chapter 27, verse 41 (22)*

This left Jacob all alone in the camp, and a man came and wrestled with him until the dawn began to break. When the man saw that he would not win the match, he touched Jacob's hip and wrenched it out of its socket. Then the man said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking!" But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." *Genesis chapter 32, verses 24-26 (27)*

- ✓ There is a point in which everyone must wrestle with God.
- ✓ God left his mark on Jacob... he would no longer be able to run and hide.
- ✓ Jacob surrendered his past to God and so can you!
- ✓ When I surrender God gives second chances - *"What is your name?" the man asked. He replied, "Jacob." Genesis chapter 32, verse 27. (27)*
- ✓ When we wrestle with God we will be blessed but we will also be broken.

Then Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming with his 400 men. So he divided the children among Leah, Rachel, and his two servant wives. He put the servant wives and their children at the front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph last. Then Jacob went on ahead. As he approached his brother, he bowed to the ground seven times before him. Then Esau ran to meet him and embraced him, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him. And they both wept.

Genesis chapter 33, verses 1-4 (28)

****Surrender to God what only He can change****

Steps of surrender...

- ✓ Pray and speak honestly with God.
- ✓ Identify those control areas in your life and confess them to God.
- ✓ Every morning ask God for the desire and determination to give him control.
- ✓ Trust the leading of the Holy Spirit and allow him to control.
- ✓ Don't surrender to anyone/anything other than the Holy Spirit.
- ✓ Seek a safe person for accountability.
- ✓ Make this your daily commitment - *And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.* Romans 12:1-2.

Next Week- Communion Service