

**Message:**

**“A FATHER’S BLESSING”**

## Genesis 27:1-3 ESV

<sup>1</sup> When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called Esau his older son and said to him, “My son”; and he answered, “Here I am.” <sup>2</sup> He said, “Behold, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. <sup>3</sup> Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me, <sup>4</sup> and prepare for me delicious food, such as I love, and bring it to me so that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die.” <sup>5</sup> Now Rebekah was [ear hustling] when Isaac spoke to his son Esau... So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game and bring it, <sup>6</sup> Rebekah said to her son Jacob [let me show you

**How to deceive your father.] ...**

<sup>11</sup> But Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, “Behold, my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man.

<sup>12</sup> Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be mocking him and **bring a curse upon myself and not a blessing.**” <sup>13</sup> His mother said

to him, “**Let your curse be on me, my son**; only obey my voice, and go, bring them to me.” [**AND IT WAS!**] ...

<sup>18</sup> So he went in to his father and said, “My father.” And he said, “Here I am. Who are you, my son?” <sup>19</sup> Jacob said to his father, “I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, **that your soul may bless me.**”

<sup>20</sup> But Isaac said to his son, “How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?” He answered, “Because the Lord your God granted me success.” ...

<sup>25</sup> Then he said, “Bring it near to me, that I may eat of my son's game and bless you.” So he brought it near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank. <sup>26</sup> Then his father Isaac said to him, “Come near and kiss me, my son.” ...

<sup>28</sup> **May God give you of the dew of heaven and of the fatness of the earth and plenty of grain and wine. [prosperity]**

<sup>29</sup> **Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. [power and influence] Be lord over your brothers, and may your mother's sons bow down to you. [authority] Cursed be**

everyone who curses you, and blessed be everyone who blesses you!” [protection]

<sup>30</sup> As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, when Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, Esau his brother came in from his hunting...

<sup>33</sup> Then Isaac trembled very violently and said, “Who was it then that hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate it all before you came, and I have blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed.” [irreversible/ cant recant]

<sup>34</sup> As soon as Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry and said to his father, “Bless me, even me also, O my father!” <sup>35</sup> But he said, “Your brother came deceitfully, and he has taken away your blessing.”

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One of the most coveted, universal intangibles of life, is the blessing of a father.

It is a well known fact that little girls who fail to get the type of attention needed of a father, often compromise their ways for the love and attention of another man.

Boys spend a life time seeking the approval of their fathers. It is not uncommon to find a grown man, successful on his job, married and with children of his own, who carry the scars of a tarnished relationship with his father – and though he may look like a success in the eyes of others, within himself there is a void that has festered from childhood on account of the issues he had with his daddy.

Kids can grow up to be successful by all accounts in the eyes of others, but if the relationship with their father was not in tact – as you dig a little deeper, you find they need counseling. They have issues. They can have successes on the job, but leave a string of broken relationships that trace back to their relationships with their fathers.

Fathers have impact on the lives of their children far beyond all comprehension.

Our children watch us, and learn from us, even when they don't appear to, even when they shirk us, even when they appear to ignore us.



A father who takes his daughter on a date shows her how a man is to treat her.

**Fathers teach their daughters how to command the respect of men by how he interacts with their mother or by how he interacts with them.**

If he slaps her mother around, she learns from him to allow and expect the men in her life to slap her around.

**Fathers teach their sons how to treat women by how he interacts with their mother.**

If he is disrespectful to their mother and runs around on her, he is teaching his sons that it is okay to disrespect women and run around on their wives.

**To a child, her father is her hero.**

To you, he might be a dirty dog, but to that child he is superman. To others who know him, he might be the garbage under the garbage, but to that child his is the greatest.

**Fathers can pull things out of their children that you did not know was in them.**

**Interesting: even when kids cannot stand their daddy, they still crave his approval. There exists an insatiable desire to please him.**

And by all accounts, there is a strong correlation between a father's healthy involvement in the life of his children with their success and achievement.

A 2014 study by W. Bradford Wilcox, a visiting scholar at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), found that, compared to those whose fathers are not involved in their lives, teens who say they have involved fathers are 98% more likely to graduate from college, and teens with very involved fathers are 105% more likely to graduate.

**So the blessing of the father is a highly covenanted, universal intangibles of life.**

Fathers: you can and should pronounce blessings upon your children.

But you can also pronounce a curse upon your descendants

**Noah cursed grandson**

**Canaan.** Power of curse – even though many misinterpretations direct the curse toward all descendants of Ham, Noah said cursed be Canaan. But because people believed it was Ham that was cursed, living as though they were cursed. (With what measure you mete...)

**Fathers: you can mess your kids up by what you say to them.**

**There is so much Biblical support for the inference that there is a connection between a father's blessing and the future of his kids.**

**In blessing Judah, Jacob said, "Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you" (Genesis 49:8). In verse 10, Jacob also indicated that kings would come from ..."** Judah's descendants later became the tribe from which King David and Jesus Christ came.



So the blessing of a father is important. Why?

The Blessing is defined as words of empowerment to succeed or prosper.

Genesis 1:26-28 conveys to you that authority. You can speak blessings over your children. You can speak their success into fruition. You can talk them out of bondage, out of mess, out of bad choices, out of mess. You have the power – in the words you speak over them.

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36(b) ...Then [Esau] said, “Have you not reserved a blessing for me?”<sup>37</sup> Isaac answered and said to Esau, “Behold, I have made him lord over you, and all his brothers I have given to him for servants, and with grain and wine I have sustained him. What then can I do for you, my son?”<sup>38</sup> Esau said to his father, **“Have you but one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father.**

4 takeaways from this passage that a father can pronounce over his children:

- 1) prosperity;
- 2) power and influence;
- 3) authority;
- 4) protection

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