

**Bless Me!**  
**Genesis 27:32-35**

Morning Group Devotional | FLC2019 | By Pastor Frank Denisi

**OPENING PRAYER THEN SCRIPTURE READING:**

And Isaac his father said unto him, Who *art* thou? And he said, I *am* thy son, thy firstborn Esau. And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where *is* he that hath taken venison, and brought *it* me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, *and* he shall be blessed. And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, *even* me also, O my father. And he said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing. (Genesis 27:32-35)

**EXPLANATION:**

Esau has just realized that the blessing that was supposed to go to him from his father is now gone and will never come back. He is sad, angry and bitter all at the same time. It is not fair, he is thinking. Jacob his brother “subtly” as Satan is came in stole the blessing!

**ILLUSTRATION:**

When New York hotelier and real estate billionaire Leona Helmsley died she left behind behind a fortune of 12 Million US Dollars. Her children received a few thousand dollars, and even two of her four grandchildren received nothing at all! Her children cried bitterly when they realized who the majority of the money and properties would go to. So, who was the one who received the majority of the 12 Million Dollars? It was her pet dog. The main benefactor of the 12 Million dollars! Children naturally want a blessing from their parents.

**APPLICATION:**

First ask the group these questions:

Q: How was Esau feeling after he realized he was not going to be blessed?

A: Angry, sad, frustrated, but the people uses the word “bitter cry” in verse.

Q: Do you as a parent want to be give blessing to your children, and do you as children want blessings from your parents?

A: Yes, of course we do.

Q: Could Isaac as father go back in time and fix the mistakes he made?

A: No.

*The best blessing that you can give your children is to walk with God!*

Ask the group this question.

Q: What can a parent do to make sure their children receive a blessing? (Let the group answer the question first, then you can add the answer)

A: Read Bible, take the family to church, pray as a family together, avoid worldly things in the home, be a good example of a Christian...etc.

Q: Like Jacob who stole the blessing from Esau, how can Satan steal the blessing from our children? (Let the group answer the question first, then you can add the answer)

Q: According to verse 35, Jacob came with “subtly”, who does this allude to? (Some one read Genesis 3:1) A: Satan

A: He steal the parents time, he gives parents wrong priorities, he will make the parents critical of the church and the Bible and the pastor, he will try to pass a rebellious spirit to the parents

**Conclusion:**

Let us as parents do our best by the grace of God to be faithful to Lord, his local church and to our families. Let us as parents have the right priorities so that our children will be blessed. They don't have to be like Esau and cry a bitter cry one day. They will not say, “Dad why were you not faithful in church?” “Mom why did you not teach me the Bible?” By the grace of God they will one day say “Thank you Ma, thank you Pa for being faithful to the Lord.”

**Closing Prayer - END**