



**Beware Of Your
Weak Moments!
Genesis 25:19-34**



The Moral Of This Story


***Pay Attention To
Your Weak
Moments, They
Can Cost You
Forever!***





In Life Every One of Us Can Experience Weak Moments!

- In a weak moment, a person who just started their diet in January may see an appetizing dessert and *“yield to the temptation”*
- In a weak moment, a driver who is already tired can decide to try to keep driving *“just a few more miles,”* making a decision that could be dangerous and possibly deadly
- In a weak moment, a person pressured by a sales representative, can sign their name to purchase something that will put them in a *“financial strain,”* and their quality of life changes afterwards



Weak Moments Can Cause Us To Make Decisions Out Of Line With The Character We Have (We Know Better!)

Let's Look At The Story

- Esau, Jacob's only brother, had been hunting in the field; he was an “*outdoors*” kind of guy, and Jacob was the “*home body*” kind
- When he got back home, his brother Jacob was cooking some fresh red stew, which was a favorite of his
- Esau was tired and hungry
- Unfortunately, he had a character flaw that cost him significantly



What Was His Flaw?

***He Had Trouble
With Weak
Moments!***


***(His flaw was apparent
because he sold his birthright
just because he was hungry)***



There Are Three Lessons Here That I Want You To Take Home With You!

#1 We Need To Control Our Physical Desires

- Esau allowed his physical impulses to dictate his actions, and he lived to regret it
- He had been hunting in the field, and came home with nothing
- He was tired, hungry, and his brother had freshly prepared his one of his favorite dishes, a red stew
- He was *“starving to death,”* NLT , verse 32



But He Was Not Starving To Death!

- No one brought up in the home of Isaac, the son of the great Abraham, father of the Israeli Nation, would starve to death
- His father was a wealthy man
- He would ALWAYS HAVE SOMETHING TO EAT!
- The problem was that there was nothing prepared at that “weak moment” for him but the stew his brother had made



What Does a “Weak Moment” for a Child Of God Look Like

- The temptation to lie in a conversation, or on an application to avoid being embarrassed (realize that the truth won't set you back, with who really matters)
- The temptation to click on a lustful tease on your computer or cell phone (*Ex. Is this movie star's bathing suit too skimpy? Click here and you be the judge!*)
- When you walk away from a potential marriage candidate, because they continue to fail to show the love for Christ you need. You cry as you walk away, afraid for your own future, possibly living alone (tempting you to settle for less)



What Does a Weak Moment Look Like For the Child Of God!

- ▶ When you extend forgiveness to someone, but you don't feel in your heart what you just told them
- ▶ When you say no to sex, while dating, knowing that if you say no consistently you could lose them forever
(Sex alone will not award you the position/ favor you covet; love, respect, fidelity)
- ▶ When you tell the truth even though your heart is racing and your hands are sweating



Observations

- Esau said, *“Please let me have some of that red stew, I’m about to die!”*
- Now Jacob, his brother, was a *“trickster”* and saw his chance to get what he wanted from Esau
- He said basically, *“you can have some stew, BUT sell me your birthright first”*
- Now Esau didn’t value his birthright, which was extremely significant



What Was The Significance Of The Birthright!

- The one who possessed it was the head of his family, his brother's family, and all generations
- The one who possessed it headed the priesthood of the family, and received a double portion of his father's inheritance
- The one who had the birthright would be the one from whose seed Jesus Christ would be born
- But he didn't value it, and in a *"weak moment in his character,"* gave it up over a bowl of stew

He even rationalized, *"what good is a birthright when you are starving?"*



Jacob Paid the Price too!


- Jacob also made a bad decision in a weak moment
- God had already promised that “*the elder would serve the younger*” verse 23
- The point is that the birthright was coming to Jacob in “GOD’S OWN TIME” (You don’t have to sin to get what God wants you to have)
- However, Jacob can’t wait, so in a moment of weakness, and in a tricky dishonest fashion, he takes what God had already promised him



Point #2, We Must Treat The Privileges That God Gives Us Responsibly!

Look at Esau's Birthright Again

- ▶ As the firstborn of Isaac and Rebekah, he had the privilege of being over the other children
- ▶ The inheritance of the family (Abraham was his grandfather) would go to him as well
- ▶ These are privileges that he was “born with” and couldn't get by personal achievement
- ▶ But unfortunately because of “*being hungry,*” he chose to irresponsibly give his “God Given Gifts” away



God Gives Us Gifts, But Don't Devalue What God Has Given You! (Romans 12:6-8)

- **If it is the ability to speak God's word, use it and don't compromise His word with anything else, even yourself**
- **If it is the ability to serve and help (meet needs), devote yourself to it but don't take over**
- **If it is the ability to encourage and inspire, devote yourself to it (it's a gift)**
- **If it is the ability to give, do it liberally, not sorrowfully (it was bestowed on you)**



Point #3 Be Careful With the Decisions You Make

- **Basically, Esau's decision boiled down to either one of two things**
 - **To remain hungry and keep his birthright**
 - **To satisfy his hunger and lose his birthright**
- **At the moment of decision making, it seemed obvious to Esau, but he never got his birthright back**
- **That decision in his weak moment, would mark him for the rest of his days on earth and beyond**

What Were the Biblical Consequences of Esau's Decision

- Now, the Holy Scriptures would follow the sons of Jacob rather than Esau's sons (Joseph, David, etc.)
- Now, we talk about the 12 sons/tribes of Jacob, not Esau, and follow the children of Israel (Jacob) throughout scripture, not Esau
- We talk about the lineage of Jacob, which includes the Almighty God, and Jesus Christ coming to earth to save all of us, which was originally given to Esau but now belonged to Jacob



The Decisions We Make Influence The Rest Of Our Lives

- **Who will I marry? A Christian or not? Will I get another chance?**
- **Should I go to college or just go to work?**
- **Should I go into the Armed Services?**
- **Should we have one child or a several?**
- **Should we buy a house or wait a while?**
- **Do we need another car?**



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***Your Choices Control
Your Future!***





The Plan Of Salvation

Hear the Gospel **1 Corinthians 15:1-4**

Believe the Gospel **Acts 15:7**

Repent Of Sins **Acts 17:30**

Confess Christ **Acts 8:37**

Be Baptized **Acts 8:38**

