



Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School



Episode 008: What's In A Name? Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-40

God promised Abraham He would build a nation from his offspring, a nation through which the whole world would be blessed. If we were to judge by his two grandsons, the fulfillment of that promise doesn't look too likely. Neither of them show any concern for God or even for their own future- Esau is willing to sell his birthright for a bowl of soup, and Jacob has no qualms about cheating his brother twice (his only fear is that his dad might catch him- Genesis 27:11-12).

- In your youth how much concern do/did you give toward God and His kingdom?
- What other things are/were more important to you?
- What impact (for good or bad) does/did your life make on you and those around you?
- What messes still remain to be cleaned up?

Esau was so furious at Jacob he was ready to murder him (Genesis 27:41) so Jacob had to flee for his life (Genesis 27:42-45). When he finally returned to Canaan twenty years later he still feared Esau would try to kill him (Genesis 32:1-8).

God has the amazing ability to work good out of the terrible messes we make for ourselves and each other. Through the savage torture and execution of His Son Jesus Christ God brought salvation and eternal blessings to you and to all who trust in Him.

- What good things has God brought out of the messes in your life?
- Do you see evidence that He is working on the messes that are still left?

Next week we will follow Jacob on his flight from his brother Esau, and see how God is able to use such a cheat as He builds the foundation for His nation.