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“Family Feud”

Jacob (Part 2)

“As charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife.”
(Proverbs 26:21)

Rife with Strife

Genesis 27:41-45 – (41) “Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, ‘The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob.’ (42) But the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah. So she sent and called Jacob her younger son and said to him, ‘Behold, your brother Esau comforts himself about you by planning to kill you. (43) Now therefore, my son, obey my voice. Arise, flee to Laban my brother in Haran (44) and stay with him a while, until your brother’s fury turns away— (45) until your brother’s anger turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him. Then I will send and bring you from there. Why should I be bereft of you both in one day?’”

Separation & Sorrow

Genesis 27:46, 28:1-2 – (46) “Then Rebekah said to Isaac, ‘I loathe my life because of the Hittite women. If Jacob marries one of the Hittite women like these, one of the women of the land, what good will my life be to me?’ (1) Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and directed him, ‘You must not take a wife from the Canaanite women. (2) Arise, go to Paddan-aram to the house of Bethuel your mother’s father, and take as your wife from there one of the daughters of Laban your mother’s brother.’”

(1) Corrupt People feel comfortable with Contempt (vs. 41-42)

(2) Unrelenting Anger Annihilates Peace (vs. 43-45)

(3) Feuding Fragments Families (vs. 46, 1-2)

Church Family Feuding

1 Corinthians 1:10-11 – (10) “I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. (11) For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers.”

1 Corinthians 3:1-3 – (1) “But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. (2) I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, (3) for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?”

1 Corinthians 11:19 – “For there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized.”

How to Fan the Flame of Feuding:

- (1) Assume much about little bits of evidence.**
- (2) Allow insecurity (*nice way of saying pride*) to rule you.**
- (3) Aim to get agreement about your grievances with everyone except the one with whom who you are aggrieved.**

Prayer: Father, help me through the power of the Holy Spirit to be a peacemaker. Help me to not merely be concerned with my own interests, preferences and will, but to be considerate of others. Help me to judge in the manner that I would want to be judged. May I seek the unity of the Body of Christ that I might fulfill the will of the head of the Body – Jesus Christ. In Jesus name and for His glory, Amen.

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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