

# The Struggle is Real but so is God

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The inward struggle of moving forward when bad things happen, or difficult times come or when someone has promised you something that they didn't deliver on can be difficult – but moving forward in dignity and Godly character can allow Holy Spirit to move on our behalf because we aren't in the way with our emotions and human actions. All through Jacob's life, he was faced with struggles of every kind. We see also how he handled each one and we could seek to gain God moving mightily in our lives if we gain wisdom to run the race.

Jacob was gifted with handling the home and cooking meals and for that period of time, not many men were “stay at home” men. I'm sure it wasn't easy for him, as a man, to happily help with the household chores instead of doing what his brother and other boys/men his age were doing. **Genesis 25:27**

**Learning means you come out of a place of ignorance.... When walking through a struggle, it pushes us to a place of opportunity.**

As Jacob grew up, he learned to cook, and his older brother, Esau, who didn't appreciate his 1<sup>st</sup> born birthright (**Genesis 25:34**) came home one day hungry (opportunity) and he begged for a bowl of stew and Jacob told him to trade his birthright for the stew. Esau saw his birthright of no importance if he “died” of hunger... so he traded it and Jacob's mom thought out a plan.

God working on our behalf.... Jacob's mom stood in the gap for him (**Genesis 27**) and took the risk of helping Jacob inherit the 1<sup>st</sup> born birthright blessing of inheritance and seized yet another opportunity so Jacob, being obedient to his mother, wore animal fur, went in to his father who was ailing with poor eye sight and old age. Jacob took stew his mom made and made himself appear to be his older brother Esau in order to receive the 1<sup>st</sup> born blessing.

**We may see this as deceiving – but in essence this is one of the 1<sup>st</sup> moments in the Bible where we see (Proverbs 18:16) Jacob's gifting made room for him. Jacob's was given the birthright gift in trade for food.**

**Friends, the Bible continually gives us examples of how to handle difficulty. It's not easy, but it is rewarding, if not earthly rewards, we will be rewarded in heaven where our FOREVER citizenship is. We will see instances like Genesis 29 where Jacob is promised one thing and given another. Jacob was promised the woman he loved and in return, he was given another woman and had to work longer yet again for this woman.**

**You can read these and many stories of struggle throughout the Bible... and each time the Lord will reveal to you – He will allow you to understand that the struggle is real, yes, but HE is real too. God will continue to work all things (struggles) out.**

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