

EPISODE NO. 29

Gen. 25:27-34

Jacob and Esau

27 When the boys grew up, Esau became a skilled hunter, the outdoors type. But Jacob was a quiet man who stayed indoors. 28 Isaac favored Esau, because Isaac loved to eat the meat from Esau's kills. But Rebekah favored Jacob.

29 One time, Esau came in from the field very hungry. Jacob was cooking soup. 30 Esau said to Jacob, "Please let me gulp down some of that red bean soup, because I am about to starve!" (That is why he was nicknamed "Edom.")

31 Jacob said, "Okay, but sell your birthright to me RIGHT NOW!"

32 Esau thought, "Look, I'm going to die anyway. Of what value would the birthright be to me then?"

33 Jacob said, "Swear it to me NOW!"

So, Esau took an oath to Jacob; Esau sold his birthright to him. 34 Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some bean soup. Esau ate and drank. Then he got up and left. (Esau thought so little of his birthright!)