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Direct Narrative 旁白

Dramatic Narrative 自白

Commentary 註解

I. Hunter is being hunted 獵人成為獵物

Esau is a man of the game. 以掃是一個熟練的獵人 צַיִד (hunting, game),

Jacob is cooking the stew. 雅各在那邊 יִד (熬湯, 如水溢出般作非分之想)

II. The trap of impulsiveness 肉體衝動的陷阱

我餓昏了 (I am famished, RSV),

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Stuff me like an animal הִלְעִיטָנִי (Hiphil stem of לָעַט) 是當你餵動物時大把大把的食物從喉嚨給他灌進去。

III. Was Esau really dying of famine? 以掃要餓死了嗎?

IV. What is the birth right? 甚麼是長子名分?

Reflection

1. What is your trap of impulsiveness? Have you learned how to put aside the good smell of a red red stew and hold unto what is precious? 能夠在肉體的衝動上面讓你落入陷阱的是甚麼? 你學習到甚麼樣的方法讓你可以離開紅豆湯的香味, 緊緊抓住生命中最重要的事呢?

2. In this scripture, was Esau in struggle with Jacob, or was Esau in struggle with his own impulsiveness? Do you think he was defeated by Jacob or by his own flesh? Is Esau ultimately responsible before the Lord, or should Jacob take all the blame? What does the story tell you? 在這段經文裡面, 以掃是在和雅各爭戰, 還是和自己的肉體衝動在爭戰? 你覺得以掃是被雅各打敗了, 還是被自己的肉體打敗了? 整件事情來看, 以掃在上帝面前要負責任, 還是雅各要承受所有的錯誤? 這個故事教導了你甚麼?

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