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Sea Change Church
Genesis: Isaac, Jacob, and Esau
S5E7 – The Danger of Deception
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Genesis 27:14-24

14 So he (Jacob) went and took them and brought them to his mother, and his mother prepared delicious food, such as his father loved. **15** Then Rebekah took the best garments of Esau, her older son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son. **16** And the skins of the young goats she put on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. **17** And she put the delicious food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob. **18** So he went in to his father and said, “My father.” And he said, “Here I am. Who are you, my son?” **19** Jacob said to his father, “I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me.” **20** But Isaac said to his son, “How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?” He answered, “Because the LORD your God granted me success.” **21** Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not.” **22** So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, who felt him and said, “The voice is Jacob’s voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.” **23** And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau’s hands. So he blessed him. **24** He said, “Are you really my son Esau?” He answered, “I am.”

Key Word: Deception

Main Idea: Satan’s primary weapon against God’s people is deception, because deceived people often do not realize they are drifting from truth towards destruction.

Satan’s Primary System of Warfare:

- **Direct attack** — oppression, accusation, persecution, intimidation, suffering
- **Temptation** — drawing people toward sin and disobedience
- **Distraction** — keeping people spiritually dull, busy, numb, entertained, or consumed with lesser things.
- **Division** — sowing disunity, bitterness, suspicion, offense, and relational fracture.
- **Deception** — the act of causing someone to accept as true or valid what is false or invalid.

Understanding Deception: Deception is easy when someone has lost their spiritual senses and DISCERNMENT.

- 1. When spiritual sight fades, deception reigns.**
- 2. Appetite is the bridesmaid of deception.**

1. When spiritual sight fades, deception reigns. Genesis 27:1 When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see.

- Jacob has lost his ability to **DISCERN: Eli and Samson are two examples of God's servants who became blind due to disobedience.**
 - **Eli 1 Samuel 3:2** At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place.
 - **Samson Judges 16:21** And the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes and brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze shackles. And he ground at the mill in the prison.
 - **Laodiceans Revelation 3:17** For you say, "I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing," not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.
- **Moses, Joshua, Caleb, Simeon and Anna all express vitality and discernment in their later years.**
 - **Simeon: 30** Simeon for my eyes have seen your salvation **31** that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, **32** a light for revelation to the Gentiles, **33** and for glory to your people Israel.
 - **Moses: Deuteronomy 34:7** Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated.

"Spiritual blindness is not merely the inability to see God clearly—it is the inability to see ourselves clearly."

2. Appetite is the bridesmaid of Deception: Vs. 18 So he went in to his father and said, "My father." And he said, "Here I am. Who are you, my son?" **19** Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me."

- **Eve: Genesis 3:6** So when the woman saw that the tree was **good for food**, and that it was a **delight to the eyes**, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.
- **Jesus Matthew 4:1-4** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. **2** And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. **3** And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." **4** But he answered, "It is written," 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your **thoughts** will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. **2 Corinthians 11:3**

Practical Takeaways:

1. **Stay Saturated in the WORD OF GOD: Ephesians 4:11-14** **11** And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, **12** to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, **13** to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, **14** so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and for by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

Discussion Questions:

1. Genesis 27:22 — What are some signs that a person may be spiritually compromised even while still sounding spiritual?
2. Genesis 27:1 — How does spiritual dullness make someone vulnerable to deception?
3. Genesis 3:6 — Why does appetite often open the door to deception?
4. 2 Corinthians 11:3 — How does Satan subtly pull people away from “sincere and pure devotion to Christ”?
5. Ephesians 4:14 — What practical habits help believers avoid being “carried about by every wind of doctrine”?