

May 17, 2026
Sea Change Church
Genesis: Jacob, Isaac, and Esau
S5E8 – The Blessing
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Genesis 27:30-38 ESV

30 As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, when Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, Esau his brother came in from his hunting. **31** He also prepared delicious food and brought it to his father. And he said to his father, “Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that you may bless me.” **32** His father Isaac said to him, “Who are you?” He answered, “I am your son, your firstborn, Esau.” **33** Then Isaac trembled very violently and said, “Who was it then that hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate it all before you came, and I have blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed.” **34** As soon as Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry and said to his father, “Bless me, even me also, O my father!” **35** But he said, “Your brother came deceitfully, and he has taken away your blessing.” **36** Esau said, “Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has cheated me these two times. He took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing.” Then he said, “Have you not reserved a blessing for me?” **37** Isaac answered and said to Esau, “Behold, I have made him lord over you, and all his brothers I have given to him for servants, and with grain and wine I have sustained him. What then can I do for you, my son?” **38** Esau said to his father, “Have you but one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father.” And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.

Key Word: Blessing is **God's active favor being spoken over and poured into a person's life — producing flourishing, wholeness, and divine presence.**

Main Idea: In the Old Testament, blessing was a single stream often determined by birth — in the New Testament, it is an ocean unleashed by rebirth in Jesus.

Key Point:

1. The **BLESSED** life is a fully loaded (Equipped) life.
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 - Esau's blessing was:
 - Linear — **Vs. 34** “Bless me, even me also, O my father!”
 - Limited — **Vs. 36** “Then he said, “Have you not reserved a blessing for me?”

- Labile— Vs. **35** But he said, “Your brother came deceitfully, and he has taken away your blessing.”

Putting It Together

Greek Word	Form	Meaning	Direction
<i>Makarios</i>	Adjective	Deep inner flourishing; divine favor received	God → Believer
<i>Eulogetos</i>	Adjective	Inherently worthy of praise	Used only of God
<i>Eulogeo</i>	Verb	To speak well of; to actively bless	God ↔ Believer
<i>Eulogia</i>	Noun	The tangible substance of God's favor; a spiritual benefit	God → Believer

What was once limited, linear, and labile is now, in Christ, unlimited, limitless, and locked in.

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with **every spiritual blessing** in the heavenly places,

Ephesians 1:11 In him **we have obtained an inheritance**, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will

Practical Takeaway: God’s Word is a compass that leads to blessing

Activate your BLESSINGS: Our **INHERITANCE** and **BLESSING** in Christ is no longer waited for but available now.

- **Proverbs 22:9** Whoever has a bountiful eye will be **blessed**, for he shares his bread with the poor.
- **Psalms 1:1** **Blessed** is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
- Luke 11:28 But he said, “**Blessed** rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”
- Matthew 5:9 “**Blessed** are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Discussion Questions

1. Esau wept over losing the blessing, but what does this story reveal about the difference between wanting God’s benefits and valuing God Himself?
(Genesis 27:34–38, Hebrews 12:16–17)
2. How does the contrast between Esau’s limited blessing and the believer’s “every spiritual blessing in Christ” change the way we view our identity and future?
(Ephesians 1:3)
3. What are some ways people still live as though blessing is scarce, competitive, or fragile instead of secure in Christ?

4. Which of the practical “paths of blessing” mentioned in the sermon challenges you the most right now: generosity, holiness, obedience, or peacemaking? Why? (Proverbs 22:9, Psalm 1:1, Luke 11:28, Matthew 5:9)
5. The sermon said, “God’s Word is a compass that leads to blessing.” What specific decision or area of life do you need to realign with God’s Word this week?