

Seven Words to Change

Your Family for Life

A blessing is a word or words that express love and affection for, confidence in, and recognition of a specific person.

The pain of a broken blessing

Genesis 27:30-38

30 After Isaac finished blessing him, and Jacob had scarcely left his father's presence, his brother Esau came in from hunting. 31 He too prepared some tasty food and brought it to his father. Then he said to him, "My father, please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing."

32 His father Isaac asked him, "Who are you?" "I am your son," he answered, "your firstborn, Esau."

33 Isaac trembled violently and said, "Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and I blessed him—and indeed he will be blessed!" 34 When Esau heard his father's words, he burst out with a loud and bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me—me too, my father!" 35 But he said, "Your brother came deceitfully and took your blessing." 36 Esau said, "Isn't he rightly named Jacob[a]? This is the second time he has taken advantage of me: He took my birthright, and now he's taken my blessing!" Then he asked, "Haven't you reserved any blessing for me?" 37 Isaac answered Esau, "I have made him lord over you and have made all his relatives his servants, and I have sustained him with grain and new wine. So what can I possibly do for you, my son?" 38 Esau said to his father, "Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me too, my father!" Then Esau wept aloud.

HOW CAN WE COMMUNICATE THE BLESSING?

1. MEANINGFUL TOUCH Genesis 27:26-27

2. SPOKEN WORDS Proverbs 18:21

A blessing is not a blessing until it is spoken.

Words of reconciliation

Words of security

Words of vision

Words of affirmation

3. SPIRITUAL VISION

Genesis 27:28

4. PROSPEROUS VISION

Genesis 27:28–29

What happens when the Blessing is withheld?

People try to earn it.

They search for it somewhere else.

They respond in anger.

What happens when the Blessing is given?

A child emerges into adulthood able to answer the three most important questions in life:

Who am I?

Why am I here?

Where am I going?

Hear your Spiritual leaders

Hear from the Lord

Matthew 3:16–17