

Genesis – Family: “Favoritism’s Fatal Fallacy”

Genesis 27:1-29

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FAMILY! Twists and turns; good and bad; in our families, we often try to navigate what keeps things seemingly “pleasant” – we often ignore issues, avoid conflict, hide “pink elephants in the living room”, and, yes, may even be guilty of favoring one over another as they “perform” for us – not healthy characteristics for home life (consider 25:27-34) . . .

Context: Isaac has settled in Beersheba pitching his tent and digging a well - setting down roots for a while. He has “planted himself in fertile ground and the LORD has renewed the covenant with him. In response, he built an altar and called upon the name of the LORD - Adonai - his LORD - and things are looking up. But another whammy - Esau marries two women of the land - and they bring much grief to Isaac & Rebekah - family discord and contention . . .

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Vs.5-7

Vs.8-10

V.11-12

Vs.13-17

Vs.18-26

Vs.27-29

*A family-culture of favoritism, dishonor and now deception - its root issue is _____! Even in a home that claims to be God-honoring, if we are not willing to be examined by the One True Judge, we easily self-deceive and play a relationally destructive game. Ps 139; Ps 51
Introspection guided by the Holy Spirit can be difficult; it is never easy; **BUT** it brings health to self emotionally, spiritually, mentally and, yes, relationally! Selfishness has a cost too high to calculate . . . as we shall see as we continue in Genesis . . . [choose the pain of a friend].*

What part of this passage “caught your attention”?

Is God saying something to you? What is it?

How will you respond?