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Unit I: GOD Calls Abraham's Family

Subject: An Unexpected Choice

Text: Genesis 25: 19b-34

Key Verse: "The Lord said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger (Genesis 25: 23, KJV)."

Lesson Pointers

- 1) The Legacy Continues (Genesis 25: 19b-21)
- 2) Struggling for Supremacy (Genesis 25: 22-26)
- 3) Misaligned Priorities (Genesis 25: 27-34)

Introduction

To be chosen by GOD is a blessing and a privilege that is unearned that brings extraordinary responsibilities. The responsibility to make decision to honor GOD, and reflect faith, and to follow GOD'S values and priorities. This requires one to have an intimate and obedient relationship with GOD to make these kinds of decisions. It is Important for one to mature Spiritually and in right relationship with God to make the right decisions that is in line with GOD'S Will.

Lesson Pointer # 1

- The Legacy Continues (Genesis 25: 19b-21)

Now Abraham's son Isaac, is GOD'S choice to receive the Abrahamic covenant with the responsibility to continue the promised seed and the inherit promise land (Genesis 25:19). Isaac married his cousin, Rebekah, when he was forty years old, who was the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan-aram and the sister of Laban the Aramean (Genesis 25: 20). Isaac knowing the covenant promise that a nation would arise through Abraham. So, Isaac intreated the LORD or prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, who was barren, and the LORD answered, and Rebekah conceived (Genesis 25: 21). The Legacy continues.

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Lesson Pointer # 2

- Struggling for Supremacy (Genesis 25: 22-26)

The LORD answered Isaac's prayer, but problems arose during Rebekah's pregnancy. Our Sovereign LORD does not eliminate struggle or hardship in our lives before HIS purpose come to fruition. Rebekah experienced abnormal pain as her unborn babies struggled with each other within her womb. Rebekah, not knowing what was happening

decided to take her concern to the LORD in prayer (Genesis 25: 22). Rebekah realizing the power and importance of prayer, was fearful that something would happen to cause her not to have the child that she desired and forfeit the LORD'S promise. The LORD responded by telling Rebekah that there were two nations or twins in her womb that was struggling with one another (Genesis 25: 23). These twins of Rebekah would each generate a nation of people, and the younger son was the LORD'S choice to inherit the covenant promise and rule over the older son. The LORD confirmed HIS word with two healthy births (Genesis 25: 24). Now the first son was born red and hairy in appearance. The parents would name him Esau, symbolizing his future nature and character (Genesis 25: 25). The second son Jacob was born grasping Esau's heel. Now, his name symbolized his nature and future events in his life. Now, after twenty years of praying Isaac's sons was and is a testament of the LORD'S faithfulness to HIS Word and promises (Genesis 25: 26).

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Lesson Pointer # 3

- **Misaligned Priorities (Genesis 25: 27-34)**

Now, Esau and Jacob, matured and developed different personalities according to their initial characteristics. Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents (Genesis 25: 27). Isaac and Rebekah made the grievous mistake of choosing favorites between their sons, causing divisive family problems (Genesis 25: 28). One day Jacob made a pot of stew and Esau came in from hunting and was famished or hungry to the point of exhaustion (Genesis 25: 29). Esau only desire was to fill his belly and satisfy the flesh from hunger (Genesis 25: 30). Now, Jacob seeing that his brother was hungry and to the point of him passing out, took advantage of his brother's weakness moment, and bargained his stew for Esau's birthright (Genesis 25; 31). Jacob's priorities were misaligned knowing the value of his family's birthright, but Jacob's desire to acquire the family's birthright was selfish and self serving. Because Esau only saw food, and at that moment, did what seemed practical to acquire it (Genesis 25: 32-33). By during this it proved Esau's irresponsibility's and insensitiveness he had towards spiritual matters and his unworthiness to be the family's leader (Genesis 25:34). Both brothers misaligned priorities caused them to make decisions that negatively impacted the family and damaged their relationship with one other.

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Lesson Nuggets

- 1) **Pray before, during, and after your request is granted.**
- 2) **Trust the LORD and obey HIS commandments.**
- 3) **Know the power and importance of Prayer.**
- 4) **Make sure your priorities align with the LORD'S Word.**