

You Might Be A *Redneck*

Big Dummies Of The Bible

Text: Genesis 25-27

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You can learn a lot from a dummy!

I Corinthians 10:11

The Three Scenes Of The Story

Scene One: A Sibling Rivalry

- **Sibling Rivalry:** the competition between children born of the same parents
- Many family problems find their root in sibling rivalry fueled by parental favoritism.
- *Proverbs 18:19*

Scene Two: A Sold Birthright

- **Birthright:** The ancient practice that gave a double portion of the inheritance and the right to be family chief and priest to the first-born son
- *Deuteronomy 21:17*
- When a person does not value the things that matter most, he will make foolish decisions that lead to disaster.

Scene Three: A Stolen Blessing

- *Genesis 27:4*
- Blessing and cursing were irrevocable words that released the spiritual power that made things happen for better or worse. They presume that God would do as requested.

A Tale of Two Siblings

- *Genesis 25:19-33*

Esau	Jacob
Firstborn twin	Second born twin
Name means: red/hairy	Name means: May God protect or heel grabber
Progenitor of the Edomites	Progenitor of the Israelites
An outdoorsman who loved roaming in the fields	A stay-at-home son who preferred life in the camp
Ruddy and hairy	Smooth and clean
A Daddy's boy who loved to eat wild game	A Mommy's boy who was destined to rule
Lived in the moment without considering the future	A schemer who set careful goals and pursued them relentlessly

How Not To Be A Dummy:

Parents must love their children equally and unconditionally, never allowing favoritism to ruin the family.

Birthright For Sale - Cheap

- It is obvious that someone is going to be taken advantage of when a fool and a swindler meet.

Esau was driven by his own appetite.

Jacob was driven by his own ambition.

How Not To Be A Dummy:

Never trade away God's life-long gift in order to satisfy a short-term appetite.

Fools act for the moment without any consideration of the future.

A Tangled Web Of Deception

- *Genesis 27:1-40*

How Not To Be A Dummy:

Be careful of the words you speak, because all words are irrevocable. – James 3:6