



Father's Day 2015

A Father's Blessing

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Fatherhood Cycle

- **4 years: "My Daddy can do anything"**
- **7 ys: "My Dad knows a lot, a whole lot"**
- **12 ys: "Oh, well - naturally - Father doesn't know that either"**
- **14 ys: "Father? Hopelessly old-fashioned"**
- **21 ys: "Oh, that man is so out-of-date. What did you expect?"**
- **25 ys: "He knows a little bit about it - but not much"**
- **30 ys: "Maybe we ought to find out what Dad thinks"**
- **35 ys: "Let's ask Dad what he would do before we make a decision"**
- **40 ys: "I wonder what Dad would have thought about that? He was pretty smart"**
- **50 ys: "My Dad knew absolutely everything"**
- **60 ys: "I'd give anything if Dad were here so I could talk this over with him...
...I really miss that man"**



Story of a Son's Deceit

Usual Focus

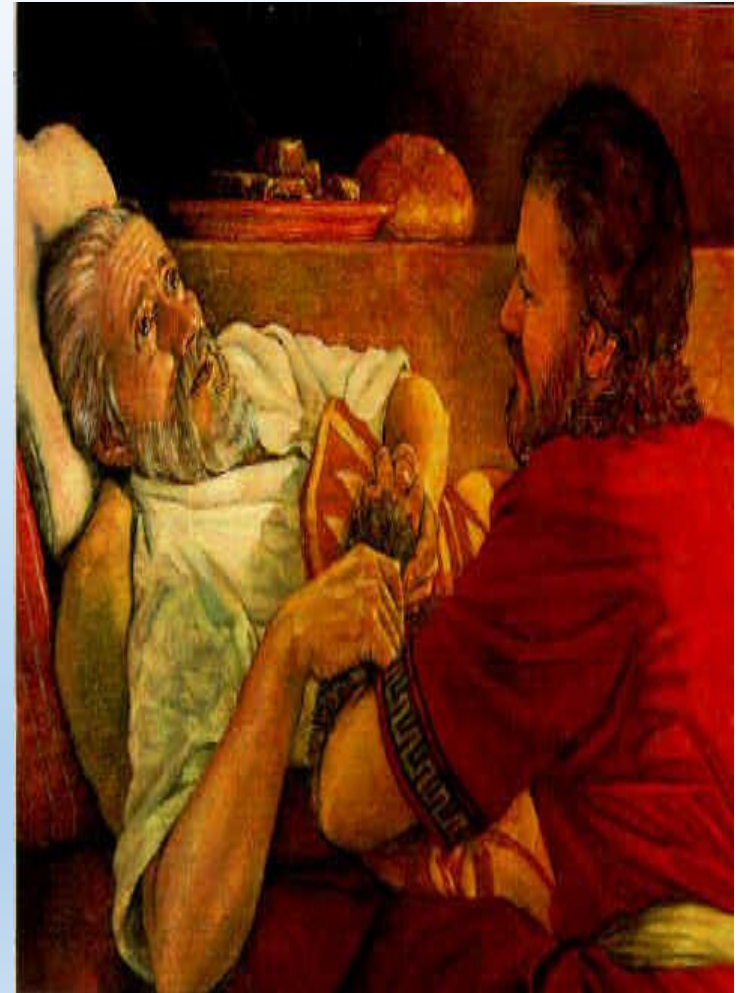
Mother and Son Conspiracy...

...to Deceive Isaac

...In Order to Rob

...the Blessing from

Esau



Greater Story of a Father's Blessing

Unusual Focus

Even Though He was Deceived...

...Look at the Power of a

...Father's Blessing

It Goes Beyond...

- **Value**
- **Words**
 - **Settles**
 - **Stirs**
 - **Seals**



"Meaningful Touch"

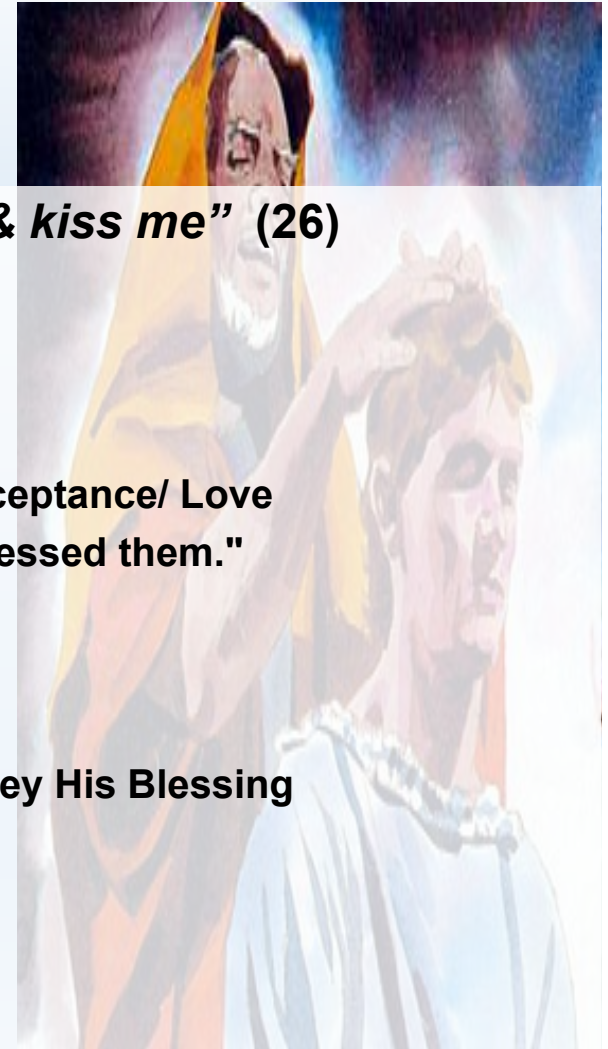
"Then his father Isaac said to him, 'Come here, my son, & kiss me" (26)

The Message

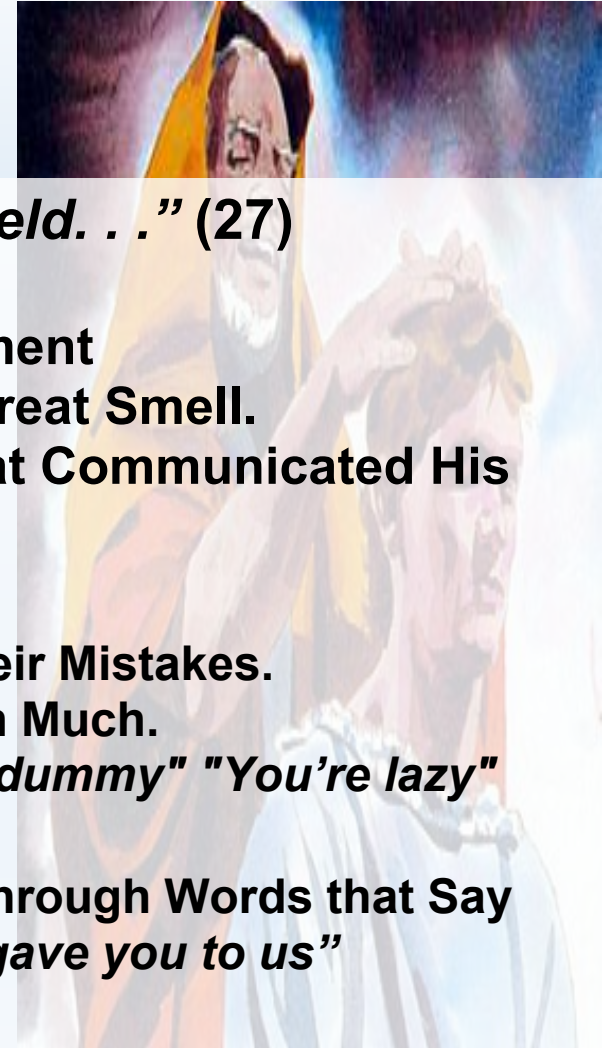
- Understand That Words Are Not Enough

The Method

- Blessings Bestowed in Hebrew Culture Involves Touch...
... the Laying On of Hands, a Kiss, an Embrace that Conveys Acceptance/ Love
 - Mark 10:13-15 brought children to Jesus..He interacted / "He blessed them."
- ☐ It's Important to Do That In Our Homes
 - Small Children Can't Communicate Love with Words
 - Communicate Love by Touching Them/ Holding them Close.
 - ☐ Jacob was 40 years old when Isaac Touched / Kissed Him to Convey His Blessing
 - No Matter Your Age, Personal Contact is Important



“A Spoken Message of Affection & Love”



“Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field. . .” (27)

The Message

- **Today’s Child Would Not Consider it a Compliment**
- **The Smell of a Field Ready for Harvest was a Great Smell.**
 - **It was a Compliment, a Positive Message that Communicated His Love**

The Method

- **Don’t Be Quick to Criticize/ Remind Children of their Mistakes.**
 - **Words of Criticism that Really Don’t Accomplish Much.**
 - **All They Do is Cause a Child to Withdraw. “You dummy” “You’re lazy”**
- **There is Room for Constructive Criticism.**
 - **But it’s More Important to Communicate Love Through Words that Say**
 - **“You’re worth something. I’m glad that God gave you to us”**
 - **Speak Life**

"Assuring Them Of Their Value"

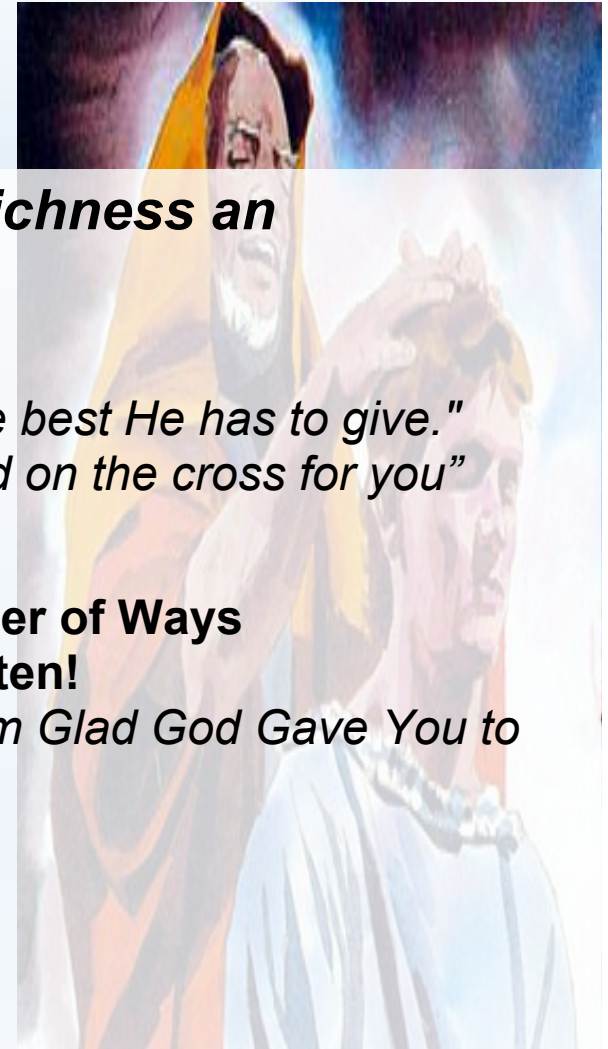
"May God give you of heaven's dew / of earth's richness an abundance of grain / new wine" (28)

The Message

- **Isaac's saying, "You're special, so God will give you the best He has to give."**
- **Teach Your Children, "You're so valuable that God died on the cross for you"**

The Method

- **But it's Not Just By Words. We Teach this in a Number of Ways**
- **Turn Off the TV, Lay Aside the Paper/ Cell Phone Listen!**
- **Show Them-You're a Valuable Part of Our Family. "I'm Glad God Gave You to Us"**
- **And Whenever You Need to Talk, I'm Here to Listen**



"Picturing of a Future and Hope"

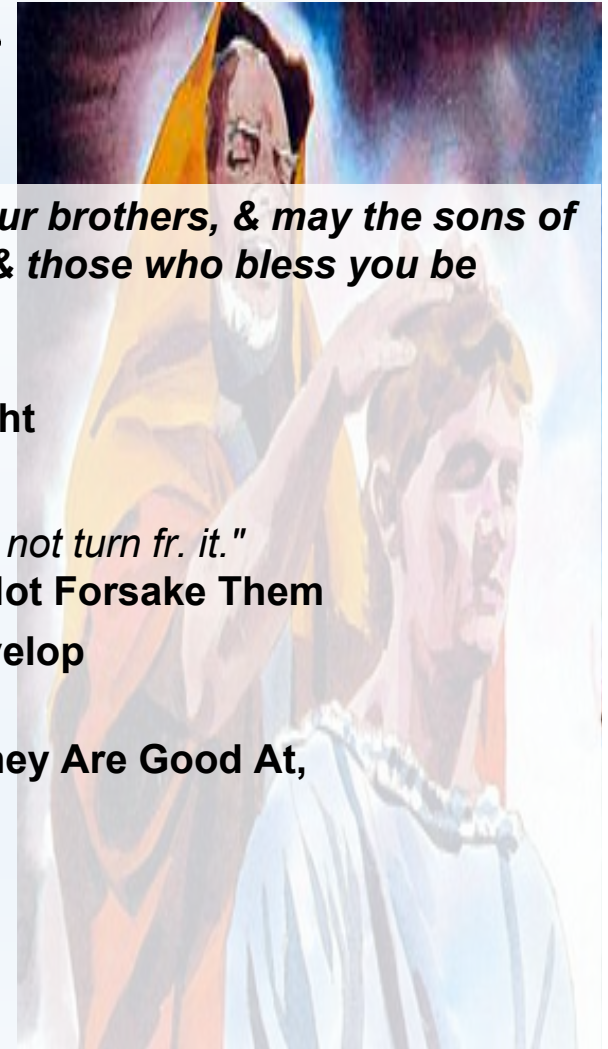
***"May nations serve you & peoples bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, & may the sons of your mother bow down to you. May those who curse you be cursed & those who bless you be blessed."* (29)**

The Message

- **Isaac is Helping Him to Raise his Sights/ See that His Future is Bright**

The Method

- **Prov 22:6, "Train a child in the way he should go/ when he is old he will not turn fr. it."**
 - 1st- Teach Them the Things of God/ when They're Old They Will Not Forsake Them**
 - 2nd- We're to Help Our Children Find Their Niche / Help Them Develop**
- **God Made Them Special**
 - **Our Responsibility as Parents is to Help them Discover What They Are Good At,
...Help Them Prepare for a Awesome Future.**



“Commitment”

“And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son?” (37)

After Realizing He Had Given The Blessing Mistakenly to Jacob...

...Isaac Still Acknowledged a Commitment to What He Had Said.

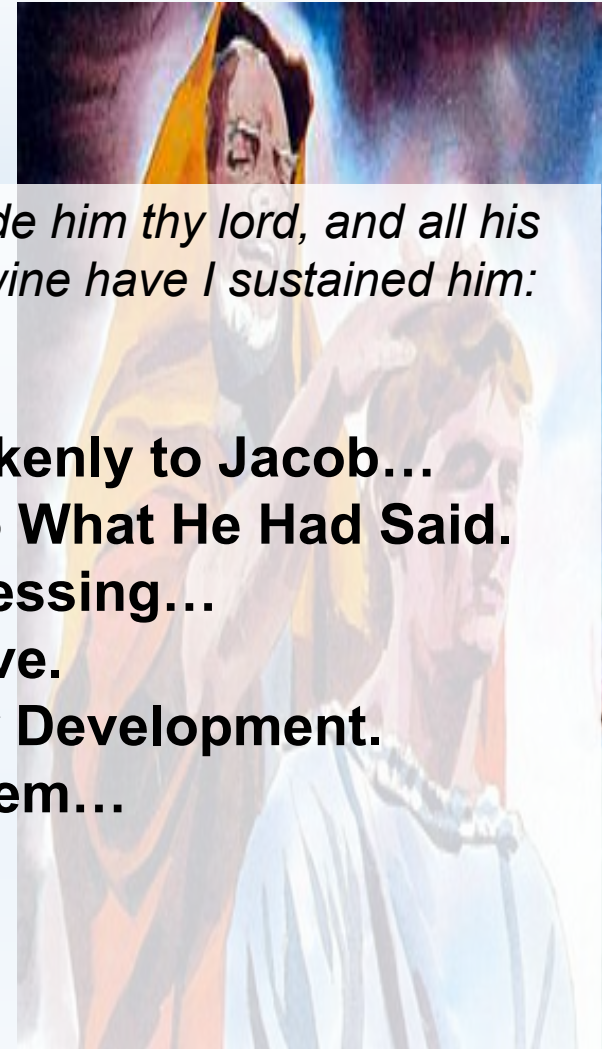
Commitment Provides What is Needed for the Blessing...

...and Blessed One to Thrive.

This includes Prayer, Needs, and Opportunity for Development.

Our Kids Need to Know that We Are There for Them...

...No Matter the Circumstance



'The Blessing' Summed Up

Affection - *Do you love me?*

Acceptance - *Can I be myself around you?*

Attention - *Are you watching me?*

Approval - *Did I do a good job? Am I a smart kid?*

Affirmation - *Are you proud of me?*

“Picturing of a Future and Hope”

**Too Many Dads are MIA when it comes to
Genuine...**

- **Spiritual**
- **Emotional**
- **Physical**

...Encouragement

If You Haven't Lately....

...Step Up and Be Counted!!!



Father's Day Challenge

Fathers...

...You Are Blessed

...to be a

...Blessing