

Relationships Made Simple
How to Wreck a Family

I. Introduction

- A. How we do _____ is one of the biggest factors for determining how much joy, or how much _____, we have in our lives!
- B. Genesis 25:24-26 (NLT) ²⁴And when the time came to give birth, Rebekah discovered that she did indeed have twins! ²⁵The first one was very red at birth and covered with thick hair like a fur coat. So they named him Esau. ²⁶Then the other twin was born with his hand grasping Esau's heel. So they named him Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when the twins were born.
- C. Genesis 25:27 (NLT) As the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter. He was an outdoorsman, but Jacob had a quiet temperament, preferring to stay at home.
- D. Genesis 25:28 (NLT) Isaac loved Esau because he enjoyed eating the wild game Esau brought home, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

II. How to Wreck a Family

- A. Play _____
1. If you love somebody, especially if you are a parent of a child, you need to become the world's greatest _____ of that child!
 2. Instead of trying to mold them into what _____ want them to be, honor the person that _____ made them to be!
 3. Parents, express _____, and appreciation to _____ your kids on a regular basis!
 4. If I'm the parent, then it's my job to build up my child's heart! It's not their job to fill up my _____!

- B. Keep _____ and practice _____
1. Genesis 27:3-4 (NAS) ³Now then, please take your gear, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me; ⁴and prepare a savory dish for me such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, so that my soul may bless you before I die."
 2. Genesis 27:11-12 (NAS) ¹¹"Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man and I am a smooth man. ¹²Perhaps my father will feel me, then I will be as a deceiver in his sight, and I will bring upon myself a curse and not a blessing."
 3. Genesis 27:19 (NAS) "I am Esau your firstborn; I have done as you told me. Get up, please, sit and eat of my game, that you may bless me."
 4. Genesis 27:20 (NAS) Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have it so quickly, my son?" And he said, "Because the LORD your God caused it to happen to me."
 5. Deceit always has a way of _____!
 6. Isaac has never passed on his _____ to his kids!
 7. Genesis 27:38 (NAS) Esau said to his father, "Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father." So Esau lifted his voice and wept.
- C. Let _____ go unresolved
1. Genesis 27:41 (NLT) From that time on, Esau hated Jacob because their father had given Jacob the blessing. And Esau began to scheme: "I will soon be mourning my father's death. Then I will kill my brother, Jacob."
 2. If you want to mess up a family, just don't teach people how to deal with _____.
 3. As parents, God has designated _____ as the primary people to teach our children how to walk in _____ ways.
 4. Genesis 33:4 (NLT) Then Esau ran to meet him and embraced him, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him. And they both wept.
 5. Only _____ can heal wounds like that.
 6. _____ can do in us what we can _____ do ourselves!
 7. "God, what do You want _____ to work on concerning my _____?"

III. Conclusion