FAITHFUL LIGHT CHURCH

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LESSON #8 SOWING & REAPING (Jacob & Esau)



Genesis Chapters 26-27 SCRIPTURE for the WEEK:

Galatians 6:7 "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; Whatever a man sows, that he will also reap."

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR ME

WHEN I SEW SEEDS OF TRUST AND FAITH MY LIFE WILL BLOOM WITH JOY AND PEACE

1. INTRODUCTION: Isaac and Rebekah obeyed God, then Jacob and Esau were born. Esau, the red hairy one was born first, with Jacob holding on to his heel! Jacob held tightly to everything God had for him from the day he was born. God in His foreknowledge of all things, told Rebekah that Jacob would rule over his brother, and it happened even as God said. If Esau had valued the gifts of God in his life that had been his birthright, no one could have tricked him, but God knew His heart. It is the same with us: if we value God's birthright and His gifts to us, then no matter what weaknesses or persons the devil uses trying to trick us, it won't work! Though it is true that God does bring some hardships to train and discipline His children, most often our losses of finances, relationships and failures are the harvest of our daily decisions thoughtlessly sewn. Every word we say is a seed planted that grows up to bear either good fruit, or weeds that choke out the promises of God.

ORDER OF SERVICE:

- 1. Light Candles & Pray
- 2. Children's Songs & Story
- 3. Intro Gospel Craft/Coloring 6. Worship Song Set
- 4. Dismiss Kids to Noah's Ark with 'Animals Go Marching Song'
- 5. Adult Fellowship Break 7. Bible Lesson & Group Prayer
 - 8. Blessing Songs & Benediction

Objects to Bring: Flower & Onion in Pot, Seed Packets, Craft Sticks, Flowers, Large Rocks

2. EVEN DURING SEVERE FAMINE, ISAAC KEPT HIS COVENANT WITH GOD, AND GOD SPOKE TO HIM.



Genesis 26:1-4 "And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar. ²And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: ³ Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto

Abraham thy father; ⁴ And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed."

When famine came, the water dried up and there was nothing for people or animals to eat. God appeared to Isaac, forbidding him to go down to Egypt, promising the same blessing He had given to his father Abraham. No one ever has seen nor can see God the Father who is an invisible Spirit; Isaac saw His appearing in the form of an angel in the same way as Abraham before him.

<u>1 Timothy 6:16</u> "Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; <u>whom no man hath seen, nor can see</u>: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen."

In times past the saints saw God's glory like Moses, or He appeared in the form of an angel, but in these last days the first Christians saw God <u>as we shall see Him</u>, <u>in the face of our Lord Jesus Christ</u>, for the Son is the same Spirit of the Father who created the worlds by the breath of His mouth, and came to us in human form, and God's people are still multiplying like the stars of heaven!.

Hebrews 1:1-2 "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, ² Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds."

3. THROUGH THE OBEDIENCE OF ABRAHAM AND ISAAC, GOD BLESSES US.AND THROUGH OUR OWN OBEDIENCE TO GOD, GOD BLESSES OUR FAMILIES.

Isaac was afraid during the famine, but he obeyed God and did not go down to Egypt like his father Abraham had done. We cannot underestimate the importance that God places on our obedience to Him. Our toeing the line in fear does not give God pleasure. It is by becoming God's friend that pleases Him, obeying Him because we love Him like a little child wants to please his parents.



<u>Genesis 26:5</u> "(and I will perform the oath that I sware...) Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws."

<u>James 2:23</u> "And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and <u>he was called the Friend of God</u>."

Loving God and loving one another is a daily commitment outlined for us in the Ten Commandments. Jesus brought the way of love that God wrote onto tablets of stone into the New Testament, to show us that obedience IS love and that following the way of obedience IS our covenant with Him.

John 14:15 & 21 "If ye love me, keep my commandments... ²¹ He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

God promises you and me, like He promised Abraham and Isaac, that if we will listen and obey Him, He will reveal Himself to us and pour out a blessing so wonderful we can hardly hold it!

<u>Malachi 3:10</u> "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

4. FROM ABRAHAM TO NOW, JESUS STILL TELLS US TO BE LIKE JESUS AND JACOB, TO "RESIST NOT EVIL".

Fear for his life caused Isaac to sin in the same way as his father Abraham, but God forgave Isaac and blessed him.



Genesis 26:6-12 "And Isaac dwelt in Gerar: 7 And the men of the place asked him of his wife; and he said, She is my sister: for he feared to say, She is my wife; lest, said he, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she was fair to look upon...And Abimelech said, What is this thou hast

done unto us? ... ¹² Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him."

Isaac was in the land that God had given to his father, but Philistines had filled up their wells with dirt and rocks! Jealousy makes us do ugly things sometimes. But we see again, that God's way is not to fight for our rights, but to move on to a place He will show.

Genesis 26:13-22 "And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great... and the Philistines envied him. 15 For all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth... 17 And Isaac departed thence, and pitched



his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there. ¹⁸ "And Isaac digged again the wells of water, ... ²² And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land."

What would you do if someone dumped a bunch of rocks and told you to leave? Would you get mad and yell at them? We would sure want to! And we have laws now, but what is the way of the Lord?

<u>Matthew 5:39</u> " But I say unto you, That ye <u>resist not evil</u>: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also."

5. SEEK TO PLEASE GOD AND HE WILL MAKE ROOM.



Isaac did not fight, but he did what Jesus tells us to do, and did not fight with his enemies. Isaac did not fight for his rights, but moved on from those who were mean to him, and dug another well. When the Philistines stopped that one too, he blessed them and moved on.

<u>Psalm 34:14</u> "Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it."

<u>James 3:16</u> "For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work."

<u>Proverbs 16: 7</u> "When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him."

<u>Proverbs 18:16</u> "A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men."

Isaac did not fight but sewed seeds of peace. He kept being patient and kind, and God made room for him and his blessings in the land. When God gives you a gift of land or a special talent, be kind to those who hurt you, and God will make room for you and your gift!

<u>Genesis 26:23-33</u> "And he went up from thence to Beersheba. ²⁴ And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake. ²⁵ <u>And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD,</u>

and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well..... ³³ And <u>he called it Shebah: therefore the name of the city is Beersheba unto this day.</u>"

We can build altars to God by recording answers to prayer in a journal, then we can



worship God as we go back to remember those times and always remember what God has done! If you fight you will always be at war, but if you obey God and bless those who have cursed you, He makes even your enemies to be at peace with you.

6. GOD'S WORD SAYS THAT WE REAP WHAT WE SEW.

Should we expect wonderful blessings to be poured out upon us while we choose to follow the ways of Satan? Some would say YES! Because we are the king's kids! But don't be fooled – seeds of disobedience do not grow into blessing. God rewards those who diligently serve Him, by planting seeds of faith and watering them with the word so they will grow.



<u>Object Lesson</u>: We Will Reap Tomorrow What We Plant Today (Flower in a Pot, Green Onion in a Pot, Seed Packets, Craft Flowers)

What kind of seeds do you sow in your life? What will grow up? If I plant a flower seed (show seed packet), what will grow? A flower! How about if I plant an (show seed packet) onion seed? Of course, an onion plant will grow. Why do people think when they criticize, argue and fuss at each other, that blessings and peace will grow? Sometimes Satan comes to plant bad seeds that grow up into weeds but we can pull those out and toss them far, far away, can't we! Today we can sow good seeds to reap a harvest of blessing later on! (Stick craft flowers into a pot as you talk about each one). What will grow when you sow seeds of: Goodness, Trust, Joy, Kindness, Peace, Love? A harvest of blessings will grow like flowers in your life! What will grow if you sow seeds of Selfishness, Fear and Anger? Oh dear, weeds of fighting and arguing! But what happens if you sow seeds of Forgiveness instead Fear? Peace! With every word you say you are planting a harvest that will grow later in your life.

Many years ago I memorized a poem that is still very meaningful:

Today as I worked in my garden, I thought, "What a fine thing it would be, if each of us could pluck the weeds from our garden of memory; If every harsh and ugly thought, and every unkind deed, Could be tossed aside, and planted with fresh new seed," Then I thought, "If only we could see the memories that will grow from the seeds that we are planting, we'd live differently, I know." Author Unknown

We cannot change our yesterdays, but we can plant new tomorrows.

7. JACOB AND ESAU BOTH REAP CONSEQUENCES.

God knew Esau's heart even before he was born, so Jacob could certainly not be blamed for Esau's losses. Esau brought sorrow upon his own self by his unbelief. Jacob and Esau were getting older now.

<u>Genesis 26:34-35</u> "And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite: ³⁵ <u>Which were a grief of mind unto</u> *Isaac and to Rebekah.*"

Esau defied God, taking two wives from the unbelieving Hittites, and Isaac and Rebekah were grieved. We choose to follow either Satan's ways or God's ways every day, either by what we read, watch or hear, or by where we go. What kind of life we reap is determined by our choice to follow God's plan or our own way. Tomorrows come for each of us when it is time to reap either blessing or consequences of the choices we make today. We cannot change our yesterdays, but we can make choices today that will bring blessings tomorrow!

Genesis 27:1-5 "And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto him, Behold, here am I. ² And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death: ³ Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy



weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me some venison; ⁴ And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die. ⁵ And Rebekah heard when Isaac spake to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt for venison, and to bring it."

Tomorrow was about to come for Esau, when Isaac called him to go hunting for his favorite meat, then to cook it into a savory dish like he loved, and he would give Esau his blessing before he died.

8. REBEKAH SCHEMES WITH JACOB TO PRETEND TO BE ESAU TO DECEIVE HIS FATHER FOR THE BLESSING.

Rebekah listened to hear Isaac and Jacob talking, then quickly called for Jacob, telling him to hurry and cook one of the lambs from the flock dress himself in skins, and take the meat into Isaac before Esau got back!

Genesis 27:6-13 "And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying, ⁷ Bring me venison, and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before the LORD before my death. ⁸ Now therefore, my son, obey



my voice according to that which I command thee ...And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man: ¹² My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing. ¹³ And his mother said unto him, Upon me be thy curse, my son: only obey my voice, and go fetch me them."

Was that right? No, but remember what Esau had done with the firstborn birthright blessing? That's right, he had despised the things of God and sold it cheaply to Jacob, and shown continued defiance of God by marrying wives who also despised God. Jacob valued God and the birthright and it was rightfully his. It was Esau who was wrong to disobey God, break his promises to his father, and then go back on his promise to Jacob by asking for the firstborn blessing he had sold. But once Jacob and Rebekah drawn away into sin by their lust for the birthright blessing, they could not stop until it was done.

<u>James 1:14-16</u> "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. ¹⁵ Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. ¹⁶ Do not err, my beloved brethren."

Rebekah was trying to right the wrong being planned by her wicked son against her righteous son, but her deception was sin against Isaac and against God, so she also would suffer and reap loss for her sin.

9. GOD DOES NOT TAKE AWAY HIS GIFTS GIVEN TO EACH OF US AT CREATION, EVEN WHEN WE SIN.

Genesis 27:14-29 "... And Rebekah took goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son: ¹⁶ And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon



his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck: ¹⁷ And she gave the savoury meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob. And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I; who art thou, my son? 19 And Jacob said unto his father, I am Esau thy first born; I have done according as thou badest me: ... ²² And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau. 23 And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him. ²⁴ And he said, Art thou my very son Esau? And he said, I am. ²⁵ And he said, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. ... ²⁷ And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the LORD hath blessed: ²⁸ Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine: ²⁹ Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee."

Isaac gave the wonderful blessing to Jacob that was meant for his brother Esau, and once the prayer was committed to the Lord, Isaac could not revoke that blessing because he had given his word. God does not revoke the gifts and blessings that He gives to each one of us before our birth, even when we use those gifts to sin. That is how evil rulers are able to succeed in evil. It is because God gave them those gifts of leadership, but ultimately they will suffer loss.

<u>Romans 11:29</u> "For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance."

10. ESAU WEEPS AGAIN FOR HIS LOST BIRTHRIGHT

Genesis 27:30-33 "And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. ³¹ And he also had made savoury meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me. ³² And Isaac his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy son, thy firstborn Esau. ³³ And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, and he shall be blessed."



Jacob's voice had not sounded like Esau but when Jacob came near, Isaac sniffed and he smelled like Esau, he touched Jacob and felt the hairiness of his hands and neck and believed he was indeed Esau. When Esau came in to Isaac with his meat he heard the double portion blessing that should have been his, given to his brother.

Genesis 27:34-38 "And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father... ³⁷ 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? ³⁸ And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept."

Can you imagine the betrayal that Isaac felt when he understood the cruel joke his wife and Jacob had used him, to play on Esau? But as we read this account we find that for the Godly, forgiveness is given, God is still on the throne, and life goes on.

11. I WILL REAP THE CONSEQUENCES OF MY SIN, BUT GOD STILL HAS A WONDERFUL BLESSING FOR ME.

Esau wept bitter tears and begged his father, but it was too late! His blessing was gone! Aren't we like that as God's people too, supposing that the promises of God are ours for the taking while we follow our own way, not listening to God until it is too late? God gives clear direction for us to receive the blessing of



seeing Him, that we must be completely set apart for Him, wholly devoted and set apart as His own, following the way of holiness.

Hebrews 12:14-17 "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: ¹⁵ Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; ¹⁶ Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. ¹⁷ For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears."

When we continue in sin, we will reap the consequences of our actions just as Jacob did when he had to face his brother's wrath.

Genesis 27:41-46 "And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob. ⁴²And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, purposing to kill thee. ⁴³Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Hara..."

Rebekah completed her deception with Isaac, not saying that Esau was plotting to kill Jacob, but asking him to let Jacob go away to find a bride from among their family in Haran. By God's grace for them both, Esau did not carry out his plan, but the pattern of deceiving being deceived would continue in the family for years.

12. AS WAS PROPHESIED AT HIS BIRTH, JACOB GRABBED HOLD OF HIS BLESSING.

<u>Romans 8:28</u> "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."



We should be much encouraged by reading of the terrible errors and sins committed by God's people in their history recorded in the Bible, knowing that God still used them mightily. God also uses our mistakes to grow us up and use our lives around for His glory! Rebekah's deception came back to haunt

her, because from that day she had to send Jacob away, she would never see her son again and Jacob would live alone without his family. But everything was not lost because God knew Jacob's heart and the future God planned still lay before Him. God also had a special plan for Esau, and God still has an amazing plan for you and me, when we turn our lives around to walk with Him.

<u>Jeremiah 1:5</u> "<u>Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee</u>; and <u>before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee</u>, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."

Isaac still blessed Esau but the blessing could not be the same as if Esau had valued his birthright. There comes a time for us with God when even repentance with tears cannot change the bad choices that robbed us of the hopes and dreams we had planned, but when we turn our hearts completely back to God and show our love by our obedience His promises and dreams for you are still there waiting!

<u>Jeremiah 29:11</u> "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

1 Corinthians 2:9 "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

13. GOD'S PURPOSE FOR ME REVIEW

When you are born into the kingdom our Lord Jesus Christ, He has a birthright blessing for you and expects that you will follow where He leads to find your way home. Jesus wants us to read His word that we may know Him and love Him like He loves you. Hang on to God's promises like Jacob, and you will reach the expected end He has planned for your life! God has an incredible plan for your life with such a wonderful future that you cannot even imagine!

- 1. Every seed planted even when we don't intend to plant it, will grow until it is time to reap the crop.
- 2. Our actions speak louder than our words because our actions show the real choices of our heart.
- 3. When I obey God, He will bless me even when times are hard.
- 4. If I plant bad seed, bad will grow and if I plant blessings by obedience to God, blessings will grow.
- 5. When evil people treat me unfairly, God says not to fight back, but to move on so He can bless me.
- 6. When I seek to please God first before reacting my own way, He rewards me with blessing.
- 7. Tomorrow I will reap the harvest of seeds I am sewing today.
- 8. God does not take away the gifts He placed in me, even when I have sinned.
- 9. I will reap consequences of sin, but God still has wonderful blessing for my life when I obey Him.
- 10. Jesus wants me to hang on to His word so I will reach the expected end He has planned for my life.

Dear Father God, Thank you for saving us from our sins, and for the works you have prepared for us to do, and for our future to live forever with You in Your Heavenly City on earth. Father, forgive every one of us for where we have not obeyed You, and we are grateful that You work all things together for Good. Thank you for Your wonderful plan for our future that is still there waiting to be fulfilled. Help each one of us to leave the past behind like Esau, and press forward to the glory you have prepared for us ahead. Help us to plant good seeds by faith that will bring glory to You, and honor the birthright you have given each one of us, in Jesus name, Amen.

14. LIFE PARABLE: Tony 's Reward



Tony was doing so well in science class that he placed in the top 10% for the whole state, and he earned a spot in the <u>Jr. Space Program!</u> The best part was the reward at the end of the year: Space Camp! Kids who kept up their grades, would get to go inside a real space ship and float weightless like an astronaut! Tony's parents were very proud of him

and began saving money so he would be all set to go!

Tony liked school, but the popular 'bad' boys in his class laughed at him for carrying books home, and never invited him to hang out with them. So when one of the boys said, "Hey Tony, want to hang out with us?", instead of studying for his science tests, Tony started going with the guys to the arcade until dark. It was boring to play the same games over and over, but he wanted to fit in. Tony parents reminded Tony of the Space Camp, but he had worked really hard to be first place in his class, so he thought nothing could change that.

Soon it was the last month of school, and Tony was excited when a letter came from Space Camp! His mom opened it and read that Tony's grades had dropped so low that he was being dropped from the special <u>Jr. Space Program!</u> Suddenly Tony was so sorry! He sobbed, and



cried, "Please, I promise I'll give up my new friends and study hard to make it up, science is more important to me than anything!" But no matter how sorry Tony was, nor how hard he cried, it was too late. Tony had lost his right to be in the <u>Jr. Space Program</u> and his opportunity to ever go to Space Camp, was gone.

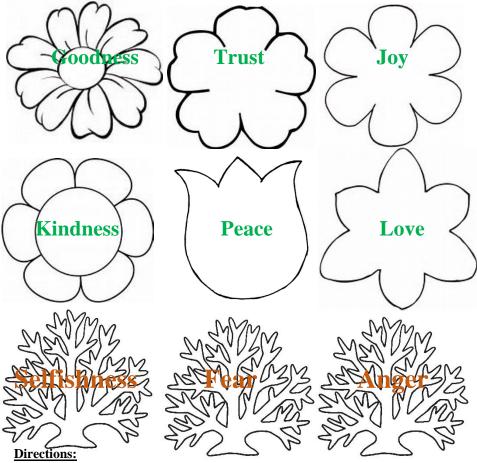
What did Tony say he valued most? Space Camp. What did Tony show he valued most? Being popular. What would have been different if Tony had put Jesus first in his life? He would have been ready to go! Did the consequences change when Tony was sorry? No, if we do not obey God, we will be left behind.

15. SOWING AND REAPING CRAFT PAGE

<u>Galatians 6:7</u> "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; Whatever a man sows, that he will also reap."

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- 1. Color & cut out flowers & weeds and glue to the top of colored craft sticks.
- 2. Place in the flower pot as you tell about the memories that will grow when you plant the different kinds of seeds.
- 4. Cut out the Scripture and Purpose labels and glue to the flower pot.

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Esau sewed seeds of disrespect for the things of God, but Jacob valued the blessing of God. Even though Esau repented with tears, he lost the birthright blessing that was given to Jacob instead.

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