

# What Jesus Wants Every Family To Know Saying “I’m Sorry” Goes a Long Way! (The Reconciliation of Jacob and Esau) Hebrews 12:14-15; Genesis 31-33 Pastor Scott Montagne September 13, 2020

## THE BIG IDEA:

Saying, “I Am Sorry” with heart-felt conviction goes a long way in bringing about reconciliation and unity.

Hebrews 12:14-15: *Strive for peace with everyone... See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God and that no root of bitterness springs up which causes many to become defiled.*

**Jacob and Esau** Genesis 25 - 33

Genesis 27:41: *Esau hated Jacob and said to himself, "I will soon be mourning my father's death; then I will kill my brother Jacob."* (So Jacob fled to a faraway land).

## The Reconciliation of Jacob and Esau – Life Lessons:

### 1. God requires His children to face their mess.

Genesis 31:3: *Return to the land of your father AND to your relatives there...I will be with you!*

This is: Picture of Repentance - A Turnaround - “I AM Sorry!”

### 2. Let God do His work in your heart and you will find that all things are possible!

Genesis 33:4: *Then Esau ran to meet him [Jacob] and embraced him, threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they both wept.*

God comes running to meet those who acknowledge their wrongdoing.

1 John 1:9: *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

### 3. Christ-Followers MUST seek reconciliation.

Ephesians 4:31-32: *Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

Do you need to seek forgiveness from another? Do not let another day go by.

Grace is getting what you do not deserve. Mercy is not getting what you do deserve.