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WEEK TWO: #NOFILTER | AUGUST 18/19

Genesis 25:29-34 | One day when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau arrived home from the wilderness exhausted and hungry. ³⁰ Esau said to Jacob, "I'm starved! Give me some of that red stew!" (This is how Esau got his other name, Edom, which means "red.") ³¹ "All right," Jacob replied, "but trade me your rights as the firstborn son." ³² "Look, I'm dying of starvation!" said Esau. "What good is my birthright to me now?" ³³ But Jacob said, "First you must swear that your birthright is mine." So Esau swore an oath, thereby selling all his rights as the firstborn to his brother, Jacob.

Genesis 27:18-19 | So Jacob took the food to his father. "My father?" he said. "Yes, my son," Isaac answered. "Who are you—Esau or Jacob?" ¹⁹ Jacob replied, "It's Esau, your firstborn son. I've done as you told me. Here is the wild game. Now sit up and eat it so you can give me your blessing."

We pretend to be something we are not because of our...

CIRCUMSTANCES

FEELINGS

BEHAVIORS

Genesis 32:22-30 | "What is your name?" the man asked. He replied, "Jacob."²⁸ "Your name will no longer be Jacob," the man told him. "From now on you will be called Israel, because you have fought with God and with men and have won."

2 Corinthians 5:17 | This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

So what's new...

New START (FORGIVENESS)

New TRAJECTORY (PURPOSE)

New IDENTITY (CHRIST)

2 Corinthians 12:9 | Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.