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Law/Gospel

God does not want me to lie and deceive others, but to trust Him and follow His way. **Because of His Son, Jesus, God forgives all my sins and promises to work all things together for my good.**

Bible Words

We know that for those who love God all things work together for good.

Romans 8:28

From the Catechism

In the Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done? God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

Luther's Small Catechism, The Lord's Prayer.

Jacob and Esau

Genesis 25:19–34; 27:1–40

Scripture reports that the contentious relationship of Rebekah and Isaac's twins began in the womb. Esau was born first, but Jacob grasped his heel and was born soon after.

Common ground was hard to find. Esau became a skillful hunter who enjoyed being outdoors. Jacob, a quiet man, preferred staying close to home. Esau became Isaac's favorite, while Rebekah favored Jacob.

A pot of lentil stew showed their ongoing conflict. Arriving home hungry and exhausted, Esau asked Jacob for some stew he had made. Jacob agreed, but only if Esau sold him his birthright, which included the first-born's right to a double inheritance, family leadership, and the blessing to carry God's covenant promises.

Can you imagine selling such a valuable gift for a bowl of soup? Esau did. His actions show careless disrespect for his family and God's covenant.

Later, Rebekah and Jacob conspired to steal the firstborn blessing Isaac intended for Esau. Esau wept when he discovered their treachery. He received a lesser blessing and hated his brother Jacob. Rebekah talked Isaac into sending Jacob to her brother Laban's house in Haran.

This account demonstrates that people in the Bible struggled with sin and its destruction just as we do. Yet, from this family of sinners, God brought His Son, Jesus, into the world to save us from sin's devastation.

Paying for our sins through His death on the cross, Jesus reconnects us to our loving and merciful heavenly Father. God offers forgiveness of sin and eternal life to all who believe in Jesus our Savior.

Prayer

Lord God, keep us in the one true faith in Christ our Savior, and empower us to trust You to bring good from everything that happens in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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