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God's Sovereignty through Esau

¹⁶ For by¹ him [Jesus] all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
Colossians 1:16-17

God's Mercy through Dinah

And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. ²⁵ And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, ²⁶ and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. ²⁸ For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." ²⁹ And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" ³¹ And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³² And he looked around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."
Mark 5:24-34

God's Justice through Simeon, Levi and Reuben

Genesis 49:3-7:

- ³ "Reuben, you are my firstborn,
my might, and the firstfruits of my strength,
preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power.
⁴ Unstable as water, you shall not have preeminence,
because you went up to your father's bed;
then you defiled it—he went up to my couch!
- ⁵ "Simeon and Levi are brothers;
weapons of violence are their swords.
⁶ Let my soul come not into their council;
O my glory, be not joined to their company.
For in their anger they killed men,
and in their willfulness they hamstringed oxen.
⁷ Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce,
and their wrath, for it is cruel!

I will divide them in Jacob
and scatter them in Israel.

²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:22-24

God's Grace through Jacob

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

John 21:15-17

Jacob's Children:

- *Reuben*, mother Leah, "It is because the Lord has seen my misery. Surely my husband will love me now." (Spoken by Leah)
- *Simeon*, mother Leah, "Because the LORD heard that I am not loved, he gave me this one too." (Spoken by Leah)
- *Levi*, mother Leah, "Now at least my husband will become attached to me because I have borne him three sons." (Spoken by Leah)
- *Judah*, mother Leah, "This time I will praise the Lord" (Spoken by Leah)
- *Dan*, mother Bilhah, "God has vindicated me; he has listened to my plea and given me a son." (Spoken by Rachel)
- *Naphtali*, mother Bilhah, "I have had a great struggle with my sister, and I have won." (Spoken by Rachel)
- *Gad*, mother Zilpah, "What a good fortune!" (Spoken by Leah)
- *Asher*, mother Zilpah, "How happy I am! The women will call me happy!" (Spoken by Leah)
- *Issachar*, mother Leah, "God has rewarded me for giving my maidservant to my husband." (Spoken by Leah)
- *Zebulun*, mother Leah, "God has presented me with a precious gift. This time my husband will treat me with honor because I have borne him six sons." (Spoken by Leah)
- *Dinah*, mother Leah, Nothing. She is a daughter.
- *Joseph*, mother Rachel, "God has taken away my disgrace. May the LORD add to me another son." (Spoken by Rachel.)