

## Genesis 27

<sup>26</sup> Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come a little closer and kiss me, my son."

<sup>27</sup> So Jacob went over and kissed him. And when Isaac caught the smell of his clothes, he was finally convinced, and he blessed his son. He said, "Ah! The smell of my son is like the smell of the outdoors, which the Lord has blessed!

<sup>28</sup> "From the dew of heaven and the richness of the earth, may God always give you abundant harvests of grain and bountiful new wine. <sup>29</sup> May many nations become your servants, and may they bow down to you. May you be the master over your brothers, and may your mother's sons bow down to you. All who curse you will be cursed, and all who bless you will be blessed."



## Matthew 19

<sup>13</sup> One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him.

<sup>14</sup> But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children." <sup>15</sup> And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left.

## THE TOOLS FOR BLESSING

### 1. Attention—intentional TIME

*When we want to bless our kids, we find no shortcut or substitution for intentional time.*

### 2. Affection—intentional TOUCH

**Dr. Gary Chapman's *The Five Love Languages for Your Children*: tells us we can show affection in several ways.**

- Words of affirmation
- Meaningful touch
- Acts of service/kindness
- Gifts
- Quality time—you can't have quality without quantity.

**The Biblical pictures of blessing all include intentional TOUCH.**

### 3. Affirmation—intentional WORDS

- Affirmation of HIM/HER (Gen. 27:27)
- Specific HOPE for the FUTURE (Gen 27:28-29)

**WORDS ARE ESSENTIAL!**

## Two Questions

- **Parents:** Can you think of a time recently (birthday, bedtime, special event, holiday, trip) when you spoke blessing to your children?
- **Children:** Can you recall an attempt on the part of your parents when they TRIED to speak that kind of blessing?

**What will you DO?**