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***Recap of 11/30/08:***

*1. Jacob schemed for what was already his. Esau sold his birthright (and its spiritual implications) to satisfy his physical hunger.*

*2. In Esau we are warned not to satisfy physical appetites at the expense of spiritual values. In Jacob we are warned against scheming, manipulating people, circumstances, and even God in seeking spiritual things (pursuing them by the sinful nature rather than by the Spirit).*

*3. Kent & Barbara Hughes in their book* ***Liberating Ministry from the Success Syndrome***

*define true success as: faithfulness, serving, loving God, believing, prayer, holiness, and (a good, positive) attitude.*

*4. According to the Hughes, we should ask the following questions concerning holiness: Are we being desensitized by the present evil world; where do our minds wander when we have no duties to perform; what are we reading; what dvd’s, videos are we renting (what websites are we going to); and finally, how many chapters of the Bible did we read last week?*

**“Déjà vu All Over Again”**

**Genesis 26:1-33**

I. Famine and failure vv. 1-11

II. Success & suspicion vv. 12-21

III. Word and witness vv. 22-33