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Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!

TORAH PORTION: TOLEDOS (GENESIS 25:19 - 28:9)

This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is dedicated wishing "Mazel Tov to our dear children, Ari and Shoshana Shabat, on being this year's honorees at the NCSY Banquet. We are very proud of your hard work and phenomenal accomplishments! Love, Mommy and Abba."

1. Isaac favored Esau ... but Rebecca favored Jacob ... (25:28)

It's a famous Bible story. About the origins of the Jewish People.

How Isaac and Rebecca have two sons. Jacob and Esau.

And they disagree strongly about them.

Isaac favors Esau. Sees him as having spiritual potential.

... But Rebecca sees it differently.

She's convinced that Esau is no good.

That Jacob is the one who will carry on the Jewish mission.

... Later, Rebecca hears Esau planning to kill Jacob.

So she tells Jacob to leave.

And he does.

... The story ends with a small detail.

That has a very big lesson.

Think of how tempted Rebecca may have been to go back to Isaac.

And to say those four famous words:

"I told you so."

... But she doesn't.

Instead?

She just tells Isaac that it's time for Jacob to leave.

To go find a wife.

Isaac agrees and Jacob leaves.

End of story.

... It's such an important lesson for us in our everyday life.

And in our relationships with others.

Family. Friends. Co-workers. Whoever.

That yes. It's important to have convictions.

And to express our opinions.

Even when others disagree.

... *But there is never anything gained by saying 'I told you so'.*

STORY OF THE WEEK

Maimonides. One of the greatest Jewish scholars ever. And personal physician to the Sultan of Egypt.

... *The story goes that someone once spread terrible rumors about Maimonides. And the Sultan was outraged.*

He had the offender brought to Maimonides. And he told Maimonides to cut out the man's tongue.

When the Sultan left, Maimonides greeted the frightened man warmly, and gave him valuable gifts.

To show that he forgave him. And felt no hate towards him.

The man was overcome with thanks. And wherever he went, he spoke of the greatness and kindness of Maimonides.

When the Sultan found out, he ordered Maimonides to the palace.

'Why have you failed to carry out my orders?'

'I did carry out your orders, your Majesty.'

I cut out the man's evil tongue.

... *And put in a good tongue in its place.'*

DID YOU KNOW?

In Jewish tradition, it is customary to give charity before or during the daily prayers.

It's a very simple – and very powerful – idea.

A reminder that we cannot approach G-d, without first thinking about the needs of others.



Shabbat Shalom and have a great week!

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