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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 by the Wells Family, in memory of Barbara Ethington.*

### **1. Isaac loved Esau because ... And Rebecca loves Jacob ... (25:28)**

It's one of the famous Torah stories.

One that decides the future of the Jewish People.

... Isaac and Rebecca see their children differently.

Rebecca loves Jacob. Sees him as the spiritual future of the Jewish People.

But Isaac loves Esau. And thinks that he can be the Jewish future.

The stakes are very high. And Jewish tradition is clear.

Rebecca was right. And her insight saved the Jewish People.

... But the story is also full of lessons for everyday life.

Valuable lessons. About life. Love. And relationships.

Read the text carefully. And you see that it's also a model of two very different kinds of love.

... One, loves for a reason: *Isaac loves Esau. Because Esau takes care of him.*

It's about loving someone because of what I get from them.

Rebecca's love? There's no reason given.

*She loves Jacob. Period.*

The difference between the two types of love?

... *It's major.*

Look at the Torah's wording. "*Isaac loved Esau.*" Past tense.

But Rebecca *loves* Jacob. Present tense.

The message? A love based on what I get from the other person can soon become a thing of the past. It may not last.

... Because often it's not really about loving the other person to begin with.

*It's about loving myself.*

... Which is why it's no surprise if one day I no longer love the other person as much. Or at all.

I probably never really did.

... But there's another type of love. Where I love you because I love you.

*Not just because of what I get from you.*

And that's a love that will last. Because that's real love.

... It's something that can be so helpful in our relationships.

Because of course we appreciate when the people we love do things for us.

*And that can bring us closer.*

... But it's so important to always make sure there's more to our love.

*That we love them ... because we love them.*

... Friends. Kids. Spouse. Whoever.

Before we say, "I love you" ... we should make sure that it's about you.

*... Not just about what you do for me.*

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Only when two people give to each other within a relationship of mutual respect ... can they receive the gift of love.*

*One man ... who came to me for advice because he was contemplating divorce told me mournfully why he thought the marriage went wrong.*

*He said: "I know what my problem was. I was looking for a Ferrari and I got a Ford."*

*I said: "I think the problem was you were looking for a car."*

Rabbi David Aaron (Endless Light; Simon & Schuster)

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*Shabbat Shalom and have a great week!*

  
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