I. FIRST, LET'S CONSIDER ESAU'S LIFE.

A. What do we know about his family?

1. His parents were Isaac and Rebekah—25:21.
2. Isaac preferred Esau while Rebekah preferred Jacob.
3. He and Jacob were twins with Esau being born first—25:26.
4. His name means “hairy”.
5. He married three women, the first two were pagans.

B. What do we know about Esau’s rivalry with his brother Jacob?

1. First, Esau foolishly gave his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of stew—25:29-34.
2. Second, Esau lost his blessing to Jacob.
   a. A blessing was thought to be a prophetic prediction of how a person’s life would turn out.
   b. Jacob’s mother Rebekah helped him fool his father into thinking he was Esau. Why?—Gen. 25:23.
   c. What was the blessing?—Gen. 27:29.
3. Esau plotted to kill Jacob.
4. The brother’s finally reunited and mended their relationship—33:1-4.
5. Esau is considered the father of the nation called Edom.

II. NEXT LET’S CONSIDER ESAU’S LESSONS.

1. He was a skilled archer and hunter—Gen. 25:27.
2. He lived for the moment never considering the consequences of his actions—Gal 6:7.
3. He was unequally yoked with unbelievers in marriage—2 Cor 6:14.
4. He lived his life without any consideration for God—Heb. 12:16.
5. Since Esau rejected God, God rejected Esau—Mal 1:2-3
6. Can you see other lessons in Esau’s life?