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Come Follow Me ~ Genesis 25

The Twins—Jacob and Esau. These 2 brothers were born minutes apart. Jacob “holding on to his brother’s heel” as he was born. In Hebrew the word “heel” is ‘Aqev עֶקֶב, therefore Isaac named him Ya’aqov יַעֲקֹב from the same word (Gen 25:26). His brother was born reddish and hairy or rough, which in Hebrew is ‘Asav אֶשָׁו, so Isaac named him ‘Esau (Gen 25:25). These 2 brothers were complete opposites:

<u>Jacob</u>	<u>Esau</u>
was smooth	was Rough
was a Shepherd	was a Hunter
Mother’s Boy	Father’s Boy
Faithful	Unfaithful
Birthright	Firstborn
Isaac’s Heir	Serve Jacob
Family Wives	Foreign Wives
Priesthood	No Priesthood

Even though these brothers were complete opposites in many ways, and even though they were at extreme odds for many years, they were still family and brothers, they were the only family they had, and the LORD had blessed each of them. When the brothers are finally reconciled, it is

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JACOB - Ya'aqov



ESAU - 'Esav

