

## TO BE RIGHT, TO BE KIND - PART 3

When Jacob deceitfully took Esau's blessings, he was right to do so because Esau already sold his birthright to him for a bowl of stew. When Esau demanded for his father's blessings, he was right to do so because he was the firstborn. I do not know who you will side with, but Jacob and Esau were both right. But they were both wrong at the same time. I just wonder, what would have happened if one of them decided to show kindness? Would the storyline in the Bible be different?

I heard of two church leaders fighting over a piece of property. What makes it sad is the property was not even theirs, they were just given the privilege to define how it will be used. But their conflicting views caused a division in their church, and it became so bad that they started to attack each other's character. But none of them were in sin, since none of them violated any commandment in the Bible. Both of them insisted that they were right while the other is wrong, so the conflict has dragged on for years. I just wonder, what would have happened if one of them decided to be kind, instead of being right? Would their situation change?

What is more important ba? To be right or to be kind? Mahirap maging kind if you strongly feel you are right and there is no other option but yours. But suppose you can prove you are right and show the other person that he is wrong, what would happen? Eh di panalo ka and talo siya. Will that resolve your conflict? No. It will just make the other person bitter. But what will happen if you decide to show kindness by being considerate, what will happen? You may end the conflict and gain back a friend.

When you show kindness to another person, I believe he will respond in kindness as well because people are basically good. When this happens, both of you will be able to explore options that will satisfy everybody's concerns. I have discovered that when you are nice to others, they will be nice to you as well. When all these happens, you will give God the chance to keep His promise in Romans 8:28 where He said, "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."