

Journey with Jacob: Living Out Who God Created You to Be
Part 2: "What are You Willing to Trade?"
Genesis 25:24-34

Life is full of trades.
BAD trades are easy, GOOD trades are hard!

Don't trade those things in life that matter _____, for things you want _____.

3 things to remember to help keep you from making a bad trade:

1. Emotions _____ your _____

29 Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. 30 He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom.) 31 Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright." 32 "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?" Genesis 25:29-32

Repeat often: This feeling won't _____

Be careful! Your emotions and hunger open the door
for _____ needs to be fulfilled in an _____ way.

The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. Romans 8:6

16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:16-17, 22-25
An impulsive vow is a trap; later you'll wish you could get out of it. Proverbs 20:25 (The Message)

2. Bad trades never _____.

34 Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright. Genesis 25:34

What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? Matthew 16:26 (Also in Mark 8:36, Luke 9:25)

Watch out for the Esau Syndrome:

Trading God's _____ to satisfy a short-term _____. (Hebrews 16-17, The Message version)

3. There's always a _____ for every trade.

I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of _____.

Esau put his feelings in front of his future.

25 He (Moses) chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. 26 He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. Hebrews 11:25-26

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. 26 What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. Luke 16:24-27