



WEDNESDAYS *In the Word* WITH

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A Quick, Yet Costly Trade

*Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and lentil stew. Esau ate the meal, then got up and left. He showed contempt for his rights as the firstborn.*

Genesis 25:34

Despised- Contempt/ raise the head loftily and disdainfully; regard with contempt; consider vile and worthless

He knew full well the value of his birthright, but held it in contempt.

Oh, how we so easily and quickly cheapen the cost of Calvary, but sacrificing the future on the altar of the immediate.

We sell purity of mind, body, soul, and spirit.

- Mind: by what we watch and listen to
- Body: by what we put in our bodies, do to our bodies, and the neglect of our wellness
- Soul: by what we try to achieve by the world's standard of greatest and recognition
- Spirit: by what the gods we serve and offer sacrifices to

*History shows that men prefer illusions to realities, choose time rather than eternity, and the pleasures of sin for a season rather than the joys of God forever. Men will read trash rather than the Word of God, and adhere to a system of priorities that leaves God out of their lives. Multitudes of men spend more time shaving than on their souls; and multitudes of women give more minutes to their makeup than to the life of the eternal spirit. Men still sell their birthright for a mess of pottage.*

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Sacrifice the immediate for the future God has promised me.