



Genesis 25:28-34 NLT *Isaac loved Esau because he enjoyed eating the wild game Esau brought home, but Rebekah loved Jacob. ²⁹ One day when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau arrived home from the wilderness exhausted and hungry. ³⁰ Esau said to Jacob, "I'm starved! Give me some of that red stew!" (This is how Esau got his other name, Edom, which means "red.") ³¹ "All right," Jacob replied, "but trade me your rights as the firstborn son." ³² "Look, I'm dying of starvation!" said Esau. "What good is my birthright to me now?" ³³ But Jacob said, "First you must swear that your birthright is mine." So Esau swore an oath, thereby selling all his rights as the firstborn to his brother, Jacob. ³⁴ 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.*

God doesn't love you _____, , , , ,
He loves you.

Hebrews 12:16 MSG *Watch out for the Esau syndrome: trading away God's lifelong gift in order to satisfy a short-term appetite.*

Replace short-term _____ with long-term _____.

Luke 15:17-19 NLT *When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, "At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will go home to my father and say, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, ¹⁹ and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.'"*

Move from _____ to _____.

Luke 15:20-24 NLT *So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. ²¹ His son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son." ²² But his father said to the servants, "Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. ²³ And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found." **So the party began.***

Jesus doesn't take us from _____ to _____;
He takes us from _____ to _____.

Luke 15:25-32 NLT *Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, ²⁶ and he asked one of the servants what was going on. ²⁷ "Your brother is back," he was told, "and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return." ²⁸ The older brother was angry and wouldn't go in. His father came out and begged him, ²⁹ but he replied, "All these years I've slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. ³⁰ Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!" ³¹ His father said to him, "Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. ³² We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!"*



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