

At What Cost?

Fleshly decisions always come with a cost, and sometimes that cost is more than we bargained for. Esau was caught up in the moment of what was happening. He didn't think about what his actions would mean for his future...

"Now Jacob cooked some stew, and when Esau came in from the open fields, he was famished. So Esau said to Jacob, "Feed me some of the red stuff – yes, this red stuff – because I'm starving!" (That is why he was also called Edom.) But Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright." "Look," said Esau, "I'm about to die! What use is the birthright to me?" But Jacob said, "Swear an oath to me now." So Esau swore an oath to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and lentil stew; Esau ate and drank, then got up and went out. So Esau despised his birthright" (Genesis 25:29-34).

I am going to get real with you (like you would expect me to do something else).

Many of you are at a defining moment of time.

Many are at a crossroads in their personal lives.

Many are questioning things that have happened in your life.

Here's the truth: It's not just about what's next, it's about who you are individually and being transformed into what He created you to be. You are in a place where choices need to be made. Some of these choices will definitely have an impact or effect on your future.

Please, don't quit because it's hard or makes you uncomfortable. Let HIM use this time to stretch you, to keep molding you, and shaping you into His purposes for you. Yes, it hurts. Yes, its hard. But God my friend has a bigger plan here.

As I started to write something else- I suddenly felt overwhelmed by the uncertainty of what so many of you are experiencing and facing.

Don't miss the bigger picture of what God is trying to do in your personal life. There are events happening in your life right now that are moving you towards things that God has in store for you. Understand this, the choices you make now will set things into motion regarding your future.

I really sense the Lord prompting me to say: "Don't doubt what God is doing and you cannot let certain things in your life continue to operate." When I asked the Lord what things cannot continue, a list of things came pouring out.

You cannot let **discouragement** continue.
You cannot let **fear to move forward** continue.
You cannot let **offenses against others** continue.
You cannot let **critical talk of others** continue.
You cannot let **negative words about the length of time** continue.
You cannot let **doubt** continue
You cannot let **anger over your situation** continue
You cannot let **pride** continue.
You cannot let **control** continue.
You cannot let **lack of patience** continue.

Be careful, during this time or your choices will give birth to something else within you. You can either come into agreement with God's plans for your life, or the enemy's plan. If you pick wrong, it's gonna cost ya.

Learn from Esau. Esau made his choice based on his fleshly desires. He made his decision based on what he wanted. It cost him! Sometimes what we think we want is not what we really need! As you release these things that are unpleasing to Him, there is a blessing that will follow.

Some of you need to embrace the truth. Some of you need to believe the truth. There is a blessing that comes with obedience. Don't sell out. don't give up. God says there is a blessing that follows obedience.

The truth never changes. You are not exempt from this because your circumstances are hard. Blessings follow obedience. You need to grab hold of this and NOT let go. God is wanting to dispense HIS blessing into your life. God is wanting to release His treasures into your life.

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