

**The Great Exchange**  
*This Changes Everything - Part 2*  
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**Don't trade Godly blessings for Worldly lessons.**

*One day when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau arrived home from the wilderness exhausted and hungry. 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.")*

*"All right," Jacob replied, "but trade me your rights as the firstborn son."*

*"Look, I'm dying of starvation!" said Esau. "What good is my birthright to me now?"*

*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.*

*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 25:29-34 (NLT)

**Don't trade what you want most for what you want now.**

*Now Jesus was standing before Pilate, the Roman governor. "Are you the king of the Jews?" the governor asked him.*

*Jesus replied, "You have said it."*

*But when the leading priests and the elders made their accusations against him, Jesus remained silent. "Don't you hear all these charges they are bringing against you?" Pilate demanded. But Jesus made no response to any of the charges, much to the governor's surprise.*

*Now it was the governor's custom each year during the Passover celebration to release one prisoner to the crowd—anyone they wanted. This year there was a notorious prisoner, a man named Barabbas. As the crowds gathered before Pilate's house that morning, he asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you—Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" (He knew very well that the religious leaders had arrested Jesus out of envy.)*

*Just then, as Pilate was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent him this message: "Leave that innocent man alone. I suffered through a terrible nightmare about him last night."*

*Meanwhile, the leading priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas to be released and for Jesus to be put to death. So the governor asked again, "Which of these two do you want me to release to you?"*

*The crowd shouted back, "Barabbas!"*

*Pilate responded, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"*

*They shouted back, "Crucify him!"*

*"Why?" Pilate demanded. "What crime has he committed?"*

*But the mob roared even louder, "Crucify him!"*

*Pilate saw that he wasn't getting anywhere and that a riot was developing. So he sent for a bowl of water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. The responsibility is yours!"*

*And all the people yelled back, “We will take responsibility for his death—we and our children!”  
So Pilate released Barabbas to them. He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then  
turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified.*

Matthew 27:11-26 (NLT)

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