

The Price of Your Inheritance

In 1989 the Minnesota Vikings traded five players from their current roster and six future draft picks to the Dallas Cowboys for running back Hershel Walker. They thought Walker was the missing piece for their Super Bowl run, but they were sadly mistaken. Not only did Walker play poorly during his time in Minnesota, but the Cowboys were able to draft some key players that launched them to three Super Bowl championships in the 1990's. The Vikings gave up a lot for almost nothing in return!

This problem of making bad deals did not begin with the Vikings. Throughout the Bible we can read about people who gave up a lot for things that would only temporarily satisfy them.

I. The Case of _____ (Genesis 25:27-34)

- A. Esau was the oldest son of Isaac and Rebekah.
 - 1. This meant he was entitled to the birthright blessings. He was set to receive a double portion of the inheritance left by his rich father.
 - 2. But he would sell his birthright for a pot of _____.
- B. Questions we need to ask:
 - 1. What was he _____?
 - 2. How good was the stew?
 - 3. Did he later _____ his decision?
- C. He did later regret the deal he made (Hebrews 12:15-17).

II. The Case of _____ (Matthew 26:14-16, 47-50)

- A. Judas was an apostle of Jesus.
 - 1. This meant that he had special abilities and privileges (Matthew 10:1-2).
 - 2. He also saw firsthand many of the miracles performed by Jesus (Mark 4:35-41; 6:45-52; Luke 6:11-17; John 6:1-14).
 - 3. And yet, he sold Jesus out for _____ of silver.
- B. Questions we need to ask:
 - 1. What was he thinking?
 - 2. What did he think was going to happen?
 - 3. Did he later _____ his decision?
- C. He did later regret the deal he made (Matthew 27:1-5).

III. Heaven is our _____)!

- A. Our inheritance is much more valuable than Esau's (Matthew 5:11-12; 1 Peter 1:3-5).
- B. What is the price of your inheritance?
 - 1. Is it an amount of _____?
 - a. The money and stuff you have will one day be destroyed (2 Peter 3:10).
 - b. Your inheritance in heaven will not!
 - 2. Is it an _____ relationship?
 - a. This may bring you brief satisfaction now...
 - b. But it will bring no satisfaction in hell (Mark 9:42-48).
 - 3. Is it your _____?
 - a. This may seem good for the moment...
 - b. But in the end it will prove to be a very bad deal (Proverbs 16:18; 18:12).

Conclusion: There is no _____ you can put on your inheritance!