

**Sermon: “*Esau: A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Man*”**

**Genesis 25:27-34 (page 20 in the pew Bible)**

**Hebrews 12:15-17 (page 1009 in pew Bible)**

**I. A “mundane” transaction.**

**A. What kind of man was Esau? vs. 27**

**B. What is so bad about selling his birthright? Vs. 33**

**C. What does this transaction reveal about Esau (and why should we care?)?  
vs. 34**

**II. A modern day application**

**Hebrews 12:16 “That no one is sexually immoral (“ pornos”) or unholy (“godless” NIV) like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal.”**

**The “obvious” comparisons, Esau, godlessness, and sexual immorality**

**III. A menu for engaging in the desire for purity. (Heb. 12:16)**

**A. Read (and memorize) the Scriptures**

“The washing with water through the word...” Ephesians 5:26

**B. Prayer**

“Therefore I will hedge up her way with thorns,  
and I will build a wall...”

...*against her*, so that she cannot find her paths.” Hosea 2:6

“If *by the Spirit* you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.” Romans 8:13

**C. A ruthless rejection of whatever feeds your lust.**

“If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away.” Matthew 5:29

**D. Get ready for and embrace the pain of self-denial.**

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**E. Keep an eternal perspective**

“I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” Romans 8:18

**F. Never give up!**

Nothing “in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:39