

A Pot of Stew
(Spiritual Sell-outs)
Genesis 25:19-34
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Thesis: I want to show the error found in those who give in & depart from the faith.

Intro: 1. People change their minds all the time.
2. But, what about when we change our mind about following God?
3. What is a sell out? Someone who goes against someone or a principal for a selfish reason.

I. Esau & selling out

A. Esau's character (**Gen 25:27**)

1. Esau was a hunter, a man of the field.
2. We would consider him a "avid hunter".

B. Esau however made a mistake (**Gen 25:29-34**)

1. Jacob, treated his brother poorly (**Gen 25:31; 1 John 3:17**).
2. Esau, was "hangry"; so hungry he became angry and unreasonable. (**Gen 25:32**)

II. Other Biblical sell-outs

A. Balaam

1. Balaam sold out to do what pleased men (**Neh 13:2**)
2. He is remembered as such, and we are not to follow his example (**2 Pt 2:15**).

B. Demas (**2 Tim 4:10**)

1. Demas, like many today, let the pleasures of the world pull him away from God.
2. You cannot have confidence in someone who so easily sells out to the world (**Pro 25:19**).

III. Examples of sell-outs today.

A. Itchy people (**2 Tim 4:3-4**)

1. Those who can only stomach "love" but not truth.
 - a. Sweets are nice, but after a point you get sick.
2. "Endure" **v.3a** – for some they just simply cannot stomach sound teaching.

B. Entertainment seekers

1. Those who leave Biblical, scriptural worship for a "concert" environment (**Jn 4:21-23**).
2. Those who worship is focused on themselves & not God.

Application & Conclusion:

1. The world puts forth the idea that it has everything you want. However, the Bible tells us otherwise (**1 Pt 4:1-3**).
2. Let us not sell out to ANYTHING, that would separate us from God.

3. Full Invitation

God's plan for the alien sinner

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Luke 13:3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9