# DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR BIRTHRIGHTS

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"For all have sinned . . ."

1.

Romans 3:23

"All of us have strayed away like sheep. We have wandered off God's path to go own way and do our own thing." Isaiah 53:6

"So there is a problem—your sins have cut you off from God." Isaiah 59.2

## 2. MY DISCONNECT FROM GOD \_\_\_\_\_

1. MY Who am I?

2. MY Where did I come from & who do I belong to?

3. MY Does my life matter & have a purpose?

4. MY Where am I headed?

# 3. I HAVE 2 BIRTHRIGHTS:

"To ALL who received him and who believed in his name. Jesus gave THE RIGHT to become children of God! These children are not born of natural heritage, or human decision or desire. This rebirth comes from God!" John 1:12-13

"The lives of the just are in God's care; their birthright will endure forever!" Psalm 37:18 (NJB)

"God has reserved a priceless inheritance for his children. It is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay." 1 Peter 1:4 (NLT)

"For in our union with Christ he has blessed us by giving us every spiritual Ephesians 1:3 (TEV) blessing from heaven."

"The Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it." Ephesians 1:14 (ESV)

#### 4. SATAN WANTS TO

MY BIRTHRIGHTS

Jesus: "The thief comes to steal and kill and destroy, but I came to give life-life in all its fullness." John 10:10

## 5. THE TWO TOOLS SATAN USES TO STEAL MY BIRTHRIGHTS:

"Moses chose . . . not to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time." Hebrews 11:25

"An impulsive vow is a trap; later you'll wish you could get out of it." Proverbs 20:25 (Mes)

"Watch out for the Esau syndrome: trading away God's lifelong gift in order to satisfy a short-term appetite. You well know how Esau later regretted that impulsive act and wanted to inherit God's blessing—but by then it was too late even though he wept bitter tears." Hebrews 12:16-17 (Mes)

GENESIS 25:24-34 — ESAU'S SHORT TERM SELLOUT

#### 6. JESUS CAME TO

"God sent his Son . . . to redeem us . . . So we've been set free to experience our rightful heritage." Galatians 4:4-5 (Mes)

(NIV) "... that we might receive the full rights of his children."

7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ "If any person is overtaken in a sin of any sort, you who are spiritual should set him right, and RESTORE AND REINSTATE him, without any sense of superiority, and with all gentleness, keeping an attentive eye on vourself, lest you should be tempted also." Galatians 6:1 (Amp)

God: "It's not a big enough job for my servant just to RECOVER the tribes of Jacob (your own people) . . . I'm setting you up as a light for the nations so that my salvation becomes global!"

Isaiah 49:6 (Mes)

#### 8. ONE DAY

"Repent and turn to God, so your sins may be wiped out. THEN wonderful times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord, and he will send Jesus to you again. For he must remain in heaven until the time for the final restoration of all things, as God promised long ago."

Acts 3:19-21

REPENT: (metanoia) "the decision & process of changing your mind" We call it the steps of recovery!