



Discussion
Gu'de

“bad decision”

01/14/24

OUR DESIRES AREN'T WORTH SACRIFICING OUR FUTURE

The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- Welcome back to Pr'me Groups! As we did last cycle, we're going to *open* by sharing God Moments about what He is doing in our lives, but save our prayer requests for the END of Pr'me. Go around and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the Christmas break?
[Leaders: plan for a way to collect prayer requests at the end, then share them with your Pr'me]
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Reminder (required)

Read this section briefly to review the Point for everyone

- This Week's Point:
Our Desires Aren't Worth Sacrificing Our Future
- This Week's Object Lesson:
[none; Andy Stanley video]
- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: **Genesis 25:27-34**
"Look, I'm dying of starvation!" said Esau.
"What good is my birthright to me now?" (v. 32, NLT)

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- What is a favorite meal or restaurant that you just *craaaave*?
- What “appetites” do you see in world around you—what things do people crave and desire, beyond food?
- **Read Genesis 25:29-32.** In the Point video, Andy shared two similar scientific concepts that were demonstrated in Esau’s willingness to trade his birthright for a bowl of stew:
 - *Impact Bias* takes a simple appetite and magnifies it out of proportion. This is where we tend to find excuses or illogical reasons to support or confirm a decision.
 - Where have you seen this in people around you?
 - When have *you* given in to this (such as buyer’s remorse)?
 - *Focalism* is when our mind focuses on one thing, and blurs out everything else. This is when we tend to ignore other compelling reasons or warnings when making a decision.
 - How have you seen this in the life of those you know or know of?
 - Was there a time in *your* life—or even now—when you have fallen victim to this?
- Our appetites are constantly craving “more”—and they are never satisfied. Be honest, what is the “more” that you want in life?
- **Read Matthew 16:26.** What does Jesus mean by this? What would this look like today?
- In the video, Andy asked us to consider “10 years from now...” What do you want to see God do in your life 10 years from now?
- What is your “bowl of stew”—what is the thing and desire that *could* tempt you to sacrifice your future?
- What excuses do you think you’d be tempted to make to justify this (ie., impact bias & focalism)?
- What would you tell *someone else* in this same situation?
- What do you need to do now to prevent that from happening?