



TRAIL TIP:

Never bet the farm for a bowl of veggie chili.

Whenever you hear someone say: *He bet the farm* that is a saying or an idiom that means a person has risked everything for one thing.

[Genesis 25:33-34](#) "... and he sold his birthright unto Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentils; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright."

[Hebrews 12:16](#) "...as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright."

Early on in history Genesis records the story of two brothers. By tradition the older brother would inherit all of his Dad's land, animals, and all of his money. The rest of the brothers and sisters had to find a way to make a living on their own or work for the older brother. So your birth right, that is your order of birth, determined if you were the son that inherited it all.

You'd think if you were the one born first and your Dad was wealthy that you would appreciate that you were going to be rich automatically. But we meet Esau, and we see he pretty much didn't care.

Jacob the younger son has been watching Esau the older brother, and realizes that he is pretty flippant about his life choices. So Jacob is presented with an opportunity to take advantage of this "I don't care" attitude of his brother. Jacob is cooking lentils, a bean soup probably with some seasonings, and his brother Esau shows up and says I am starving, I am so hungry, let me have some soup.

Jacob is looking at this opportunity and says: How hungry are you, brother? How bad do you want some of this veggie chili? And Esau with his normal flippant attitude says: I'll sell you my birth right for it. Jacob says: sold.

WOW! How dumb is that?! In a moment, Esau has thrown away millions of dollars worth of property that he would have inherited and he has DISHONORED his father by selling his birth right and for a bowl of soup!

[1 Peter 1:4](#)

To an [inheritance](#) incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you...

When you read the whole first chapter of First Peter you see that he is talking to the saved/born-again people. Peter is telling us that we have an inheritance, too. Ours is not comprised of old stuff, broken stuff, or stuff that gets used up. It is forever and perfect [undefiled] and never goes away.

Why then do people reject this birth right that Jesus offers to anyone that will accept Him as Savior? And for stuff that doesn't last at that? That veggie chili didn't last for Esau. Why reject Heaven in favor of temporary fame and fortune that fades away?

You have a birth right offered to you. [Present Salvation]