

**STUDENT  
TAKEDOVER**



MAY 18-20, 2019

**NORTHLAND  
CHURCH**

# Endgame

## Navigating the moment that gets us to the future

**A message from Pastor Rob Hemphill**

Read about Pastor Rob at [northlandchurch.net/robhemphill](http://northlandchurch.net/robhemphill).

### **GENESIS 25:27-34 (NASB)**

<sup>27</sup>When the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the field, but Jacob was a peaceful man, living in tents. <sup>28</sup>Now Isaac loved Esau, because he had a taste for game, but Rebekah loved Jacob. <sup>29</sup>When Jacob had cooked stew, Esau came in from the field and he was famished; <sup>30</sup>and Esau said to Jacob, "Please let me have a swallow of that red stuff there, for I am famished." Therefore his name was called Edom. <sup>31</sup>But Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." <sup>32</sup>Esau said, "Behold, I am about to die; so of what use then is the birthright to me?" <sup>33</sup>And Jacob said, "First swear to me"; so he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. <sup>34</sup>Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew; and he ate and drank, and rose and went on his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

### **HEBREWS 12:16-17 (NASB)**

<sup>16</sup>that there be no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal. <sup>17</sup>For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

## THE ESAU SYNDROME:

**Don't trade away God's lifelong gift in order to satisfy a short term appetite.**

1. Your desires can keep you from your destination.
2. When your stomach gets empty, your standards get lower.
3. Navigating today with your endgame in mind.

## Notes

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## FINAL MONDAY NIGHT SERVICE

» **Monday, May 20 | 7 p.m.** | We're so grateful for the kingdom impact of many years of Monday night services! As we focus and increase our momentum during this new season for Northland, we want to bring everyone together into our Saturday and Sunday service, so we're inviting our Monday night folks to join us for one of our other three weekend services. If Monday has ever been part of your journey here at Northland ... we'd love for you to join us this Monday evening at 7 p.m. for the final Monday night service.

## UPCOMING SERVICES

- » **May 25-26** | Awaken | Grasping for Life | John 3:16-21 | Pastor Matt Heard
- » **June 1-2** | Awaken | Life Questions | John 3:22-36 | Pastor Matt Heard

# Destination

This week we're learning how to focus on the destination in life that God has called us to and how to avoid the distractions and detours along the way.

## WATCH THE VIDEO

### [NorthlandChurch.net/Studies](https://NorthlandChurch.net/Studies)

Afterward have someone read the discussion questions in the "Hear God's Story" section and start the conversation.



## Share Your Story

Begin by praying together. This should be a brief, simple prayer in which you invite God to give you insight as you study. You can pray for specific requests at the end of your time together or stop momentarily to pray if a particular situation comes up during your discussion.

*Then begin your time together by discussing the following questions.*

- How do you determine your focus in life?
- What distracts you from your goals?

## Hear God's Story, and Create a New Story

### READ 1 TIMOTHY 4:12-16 (NIV) & MATTHEW 22:34-40 (NIV)

- What is the apostle Paul calling Timothy to focus on in the 1 Timothy passage?
- What does Jesus in Matthew 22 tell us our greatest commandment and purpose is?
- How is love different from the sort of goals and purposes the world calls us to develop?
- What are the goals in your life that lead you toward Jesus' calling to you? What goals and purposes that you're pursuing lead you away from God?
- What are some ways Jesus modeled the practice of love through His life? What are some ways you can follow His example and practice that sort of love toward someone in the coming week?
- In Genesis 25:27-34, we see Esau trade his birthright for short-term gratification. What are some situations where you're tempted to trade the life God has called you to for temporal desires?
- Who are some people in your life who can help you focus on the endgame God has called you to? Whom can you help to continue following Jesus?

*Give each person an opportunity to share prayer requests.*

## Find Your Story in God's Story

If you feel God is nudging you to go deeper, take some time between now and our next discussion to dig into His Word. Explore the Bible passages related to this session's theme on your own, jotting your reflections in a journal or in this study guide. Want to go deeper? Select a few verses, and try paraphrasing them, writing them in your own words. If you'd like, share them with the group the next time you meet.

**Most of us are pretty adept when it comes to moving through our most familiar spaces. Say you need some water. Without much thought you can navigate through your home to find a cup, fill it with water and slake your thirst – unless, of course, you try that same journey with the lights off, or perhaps after some children have booby-trapped your home with toys on the floor. Then suddenly, what could've been a straightforward journey turns into a slow or even painful trek. In much the same way, we all struggle to follow Jesus when we close our eyes to the light or fill our lives with litter and detritus.**

### READ HEBREWS 12:1-3 (NIV)

- What are some practical ways to fix your eyes on Jesus?
- What are some of the things that hinder you in following Jesus? What are some of the sins that trip you up?
- How can you set aside those distractions and the entanglements? Who can help you run with perseverance?

### READ 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13 (NIV)

- Paul wrote about speaking in tongues as a practice in vain if it wasn't accompanied by the practice of love. What are some of the things we pursue today at the expense of love?
- What does it mean to subordinate even good gifts such as prophecy or faith to love?
- Where is love on your priority list now? What are some things that are high on your priority list that need to move down? What are some things that need to move up?

**This week's study is also available on Northland's apps or at [NorthlandChurch.net/Studies](https://NorthlandChurch.net/Studies).**

# What's Current

Get info and sign up at [NorthlandChurch.net](http://NorthlandChurch.net), or ask a connection team member for assistance.

## Baccalaureate

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 | 7-8:30 P.M. | THE RINK | Register by 5/19 at [northlandchurch.net/baccalaureate](http://northlandchurch.net/baccalaureate)

## Local Serve Day

SATURDAY, JUNE 1 | 8 A.M.-NOON | MEET IN THE FOYER | Sign up at [northlandchurch.net/localserve](http://northlandchurch.net/localserve)

## 1st Grade Orientation

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 | 1-2:30 P.M. | CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WING, ROOM 5100 | Register at [northlandchurch.net/orientation](http://northlandchurch.net/orientation)

## Belong & Grow

SUNDAYS, JUNE 9, 16, 23 & 30 | 11 A.M.-12:30 P.M. | THE HUB | Register at [northlandchurch.net/belong&grow](http://northlandchurch.net/belong&grow)

## Tithes and Offerings

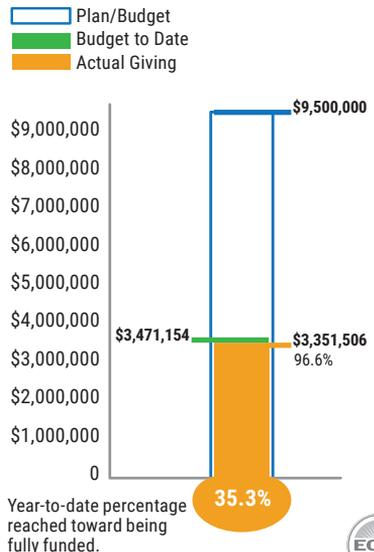
**It was inspiring to see your love** poured out on our Access Ministry over Mother's Day weekend. One Northlander purchased a single flower with a \$1,000 donation! The choice to demonstrate that kind of lavish generosity coupled with the hundreds of you who eagerly engaged with the opportunity to support Northland's special needs ministry is a beautiful picture of God's people joining forces in worshipful generosity according to their ability and gifting. Your above-and-beyond response generated \$3,650 and will equip nine adults with special needs to attend summer camp.

To date, we have completed 19 weeks of the year at 96.6% of the need. With 33 weeks remaining, we should be 36.5% funded. As you can see, we are 35.3% funded. We recently updated the chart to the right. Now we can track year-to-date progress as well as where we stand on fully funding 2019. Our goal for tithes and offerings is \$10 million, with our budget set at \$9.5 million. While actual and budgeted amounts fluctuate from week to week, the average weekly budgeted amount is \$182,693.

We are so thankful that many of you continue to respond to God's generosity in your lives through the giving of your time, talents, and treasures as part of your worship. We invite everyone to join in as we work together ... **engaging people to be fully alive in Jesus!**

If you would like to partner with us financially, check out the different ways to give listed below. If you have questions or would like more information about our finances, email [givetonorthland@northlandchurch.net](mailto:givetonorthland@northlandchurch.net). We are honored you are joining us in worship today!

### January 1 - May 14, 2019



## Ways to Give

Give by cash or check and drop it in any of our tithe boxes.



Give online at [NorthlandChurch.net/Give](http://NorthlandChurch.net/Give) or use the Northland App.



Give via mobile text. Text "northland" followed by the amount to 77977 (e.g. northland 10).

