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### **When You Trade What's Priceless: Pastor Patrick Kimawachi**

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. Genesis 25:34

Esau gave up his birthright for a temporary craving. In a moment of exhaustion and hunger, he chose relief over long-term blessing. It's a warning for all of us: Don't trade what's sacred for something quick and easy.

Beloved, maybe you're tired, emotionally drained, and spiritually dry, and the pressure is making compromise look appealing. But your identity, your calling, your peace—these are too precious to sell for momentary relief. Hold on. The hunger will pass, but your inheritance is eternal.

Our God our heavenly Father will help us treasure what You've given us. Strengthen us when we are weak and keep our heart from compromise. Choose His ways over quick fixes, in your life.

+Patrick, OSJ Bishop for Kenya.

Great words from +Patrick and very pertinent. Take note and learn from our beloved bishop in Kenya. He has something worth sharing.

Let us apply them in a few different contexts.

**Our organised and denominational churches:**

We have been deeply let down by those churches who have turned their backs against biblical truth, and as a consequence those churches are in decline.

Pandering to social trends and fads is not going to bring more people into church and fill those emptying pews and, dare I say it, their depleted financial coffers.

There is nothing wrong with same sex relationships providing they remain free of sexual activity and expression. That is reserved solely for Christian marriage as defined as being between one man and one woman (as defined by physical gender at birth) and being for mutual comfort, the conception of children, and finally for the benefit of society, and is intended to be a life time and unbreakable bond.

Under that definition, same sex relationships involving sexual intimacy are simply ruled out, and by its very nature and definition cannot be declared or come under the remit of being declared 'a marriage'.

Whether the law of the land declares and recognises such relationships is a matter for the electorate but that does not mean it is acceptable in biblical terms or acceptable behaviour for Christian couples to involve themselves in.

Neither is it a matter for doctrinal discussion for the bible makes is abundantly clear.

For the sake of 'being popular' and 'forward thinking', the losses are irredeemable and there are no gains or advantages.

Such decisions have been described as contemporary interpretations and expressions of 'Christian empathy and compassion', but they actually demonstrate a lack of understanding of what Godly and Christian love involve.

'Empathy' and 'compassion' are not open licences to do whatever we want to do, and this insipid view of Christian love, letting people do whatever they want because 'we love them', is just plain wrong. It is little more than an excuse to allow all kinds of bad and immoral behaviour, and to remain comfortably silent and inactive over matters that require acting upon.

Our first duty is to God according to the two great commandments, and then towards our neighbour. God's Word comes first and truly being loving means saying 'no' and drawing a line between what is acceptable and what is not in God's eyes, and that can be found in Holy Scripture in the first instance.

The argument that suggests 'historical discernment' is equally as valuable and trustworthy as God's written Word and is good justification for discounting the validity of certain sections of the bible is unacceptable. 'Historical discernment' is a matter of human opinion in the end, and we all know how flawed and imperfect that is – it cannot be relied upon at all.

For those churches who have gone down this path then I say, 'you have sold your birth right and you shall reap what you have sown'.

Shame upon your leaders and governing bodies.

Shame upon your members for allowing you to behave in such a way too.

### **Local churches:**

This follows on from the last few sentences. We all have responsibilities towards God and our neighbour as part of the two great commandments, but responsibilities are often fraught with difficulty and hardship.

We sell our birth right in being silent when we should be speaking out. Taking the easy way out is never an option when you are serious about your responsibilities.

As a visitor I attended a local church harvest festival and, on paper, the service was well constructed, beautifully presented and there was enough good material in it to last two or three services, not just one.

The problem was, whilst it ticked all the boxes and collective and individual Christian responsibilities were mentioned along with our social responsibilities, there was no individual or collective call to action, rededication or renewal. It was all too comfortable and nothing was seemingly required of anyone, and it was all too 'easy' and polite.

There was no fire, no urgency, no energy, no challenge, no real message to take out into the world.

This was a church that raised no objections the acceptance of the blessing of same sex couples. As far as I can remember or know, as an occasional visitor, I was the only one who raised any objections to the proposals on biblical and theological grounds. There was no response. Apparently they have some committee or other that deals with that sort of thing.

Ah yes. Let some committee deal with anything serious so we don't have to think about it. Another example of taking the easy way out and absolving one's self of involvement or responsibility.

Here was me thinking that the two great commandments were about personal involvement and commitment.

I can assure you that this is the case, and if you leave anything in the hands of a committee you should never leave them unattended or to their own devices.

Any kind of power corrupts, even at a local level. Remember committees act in your name and with your authority so you are still responsible for their actions.

You may think it exempts you from responsibility but it does not

So keep in mind, taking the easy way out or the way of least resistance or effort corrupts. It is simply a denial of responsibility in the end.

**In the family:**

Consistent love is everything in a family, and the family is the bedrock of society. Family is a small model of society and when the family is broken then so is society.

How important those two great commandments are. Your family are your nearest and most important neighbours and the ones who most need your attentions and concerns after God.

(God puts you right and only after you are right with God can you fully meet the needs and expectations of your family.)

Consistency and expectation regarding boundaries are a big part of that loving response you make and it's no good letting things slip because it's too much effort. Once the boundary has moved, it is hard to get things back the way they were – in fact it may not even be possible.

The consequences of any action may not reveal themselves until well after the action has been committed, and those may go far deeper than anticipated.

Saying 'No' is as much a part of love as saying 'Yes'.

Not doing anything when action or words are needed is not an act of love or acceptance of responsibility. How can children be guided into the truth if parents are silent about boundaries or are unaware even of what they might be?

How can parents take up responsibility if they have never heard or been shown ever heard what their responsibilities are?

How will they know what is right or wrong, or even the difference between good and evil?

How can they model an ideal for society if they don't know what it is or have not seen it for themselves or experienced to some extent?

How can they pass that ideal onto their children if they don't enact and live it?

Silence is not an option.

If it is allowed to become an option then chaos and anarchy will reign.

**Us as individuals:**

Our involvement with others is unavoidable because we are social beings. We need one another even if we claim not to like other people and say we prefer the company of dogs or cats instead.

Simply we get out what we put into society.

For good or for bad.

The two great commandments ensure our input is correctly focused.

The alternative is a life without God, or worse, with a false and condemning god, and a life that is focussed on self alone.

We all know how much we hate selfish people, even if we can't see it in ourselves.

Our choice, whatever we say or pretend to believe, is of our own choosing. God has implanted into every person's soul the knowledge of both good and evil and try as you might, it cannot be repressed or suppressed.

The guilt we feel because of the things we might have done are a warning to us that some boundary (or boundaries) have been crossed and we need to make amends and change our ways. I don't see that as a bad thing but something to be grateful for. It is when we ignore those warnings that we are in danger.

It means we have stepped outside of the two great commandments and have started the journey away from God.

It also means that we are showing others by the way we live that there is a dangerous path and it is ok to tread down it.

It also says 'I know better than God and I don't need to follow in His footsteps.'

Consider this then, if His footsteps lead us first to the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and then to a heavenly kingdom beyond the clutches of death, then where do other paths lead?



And yes, every person who commits to and lives out the two great commandments is building up that Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and modelling what is to come in the next life. And it is an on-going lifetime's task that demands commitment, dedication and a love which refuses to give in.

They are also opening up their own lives and being to the presence of God in increasing fullness, and having their eyes opened to the riches of God that are laid before them.

Those who do not are modelling a life increasingly without God, and are destined to come to place without God and without genuine Godly love, a place of wholly selfish and self-centred beings who make their own lives and the lives of others absolute and intolerable hell.

It is not a place of God's creation or one that He wants to exist but is a creation of man worst attributes, excesses, desires and imagination. It is a place totally of man's own creation and a place completely devoid of compassion or genuine love. It is a place where man has rejected God and God, because He has given mankind free will, will respect that choice.

So we are either with God, or against Him in the end.

The two great commandments represent the core theology of the Christian faith. Those commandments are easy to understand, often difficult to put into practice or apply, almost always challenging, and needing to be lived out every second of every day.

Silence and inaction are not options. Our responses are not really optional if we want God's Kingdom to be established on Earth, and there will be many who will try and stop us, even within our own communities.

And the worst of those are to be found in our own communities, those who see our own spiritual lights showing up their works for what they really are, and trying to silence or end our ministries.

Jesus warned us there would be many false prophets and wolves in sheep's clothing come to destroy us. They exist. They are out there.

And we need to speak out loud and act to protect and encourage those ministries that the Kingdom of God on Earth may be fully established, sooner rather than later, and live through us and our daily witness.

Every one of us has something we can do or offer through the two great commandments. We are never too old, too young, too infirm, too busy, too uneducated or untrained in our own or other's eyes.....

We should be prepared to trust our hearts, rely on our God, offer appropriate in the circumstances we find ourselves especially for faithfulness and wisdom and knuckle down.

That is what the call for workers is when it comes to bringing in the harvest.

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## My prayer.

Grant oh Lord,

That none may love you less this day because of  
me;

That never a word or act of mine

May turn one soul from thee;

And ever daring,

Yet one more grace I thee implore,

That many souls this day

Because of me

May love thee more.

Amen