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Dear <name>,

How much would you pay for a pair of jeans—really good ones? Thirty dollars? Forty-five? How about \$46,532? That’s how much Lynn Downey, corporate historian for Levi Strauss & Co., paid for a pair of vintage Levi jeans dating to the late 1800s. And she’s not even going to wear them!

If a picture is worth a thousand words, how much would you pay for a painting? Ryohei Saito, chairman of Japan’s Daishowa Paper Manufacturing Co., paid \$82 million for Vincent Van Gogh’s “Portrait of Dr. Gachet” in 1990. What a deal!

And what makes the Ferrari Enzo worth the sticker price of \$670,000? Only 399 of them were created. It comes with a V-12 engine that generates 660 horsepower and goes from 0 to 65 mph in 3.2 seconds. It has a top speed of 217 miles per hour. I don’t know about you, but I’d be reluctant to park it next to a rusty pickup at the supermarket.

But we like to own nice things, don’t we? We like to be able to point to something special and say, “This is mine.”

But is that really the case?

I want to challenge your concept of ownership this week by going all the way back to the beginning of Creation. There we’ll learn something about this world and all of the things in it—including you!

Every blessing!

Pastor <name>

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