



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Matthew 13: 44-46

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the Kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls.

When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

Our Scripture Reflection

Jesus is using treasure as a metaphor for faith and life in His Kingdom. In our Gospel we see two men who upon finding treasure make incredibly bold moves in order to seize the treasure they find. What effort and energy are we willing to put out for our faith? What is life in the Kingdom of God worth to you?

Food for your Journey

Treasure comes in all sorts of packages. My greatest childhood treasures were laughter and time. We laughed together and we spent time with one another. We played board games and rode our bikes together, even in the rain (which was my favorite time). We were all frequent visitors to the library.

We couldn't afford expensive trips, but we could check out books on travel and go wherever we wanted to in our minds. We told each other jokes and performed at the drop of a hat. We had an old, beat-up piano and Mum could only play the black keys, but we sang the great hymns of the faith with gusto.

Our culture tells us that treasure can be measured in dollars, but all the money in the world can't buy the gift of laughter or the gift of time....or a life with Jesus!

—Sheila Walsh, *The Women of Faith Daily Devotional* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan, 2002), 258.

Faithfulness is more important than success, and the power to remain faithful is a great treasure indeed.

—Richard J. Foster, *The Challenge of the Disciplined Life* (New York: Harper & Row, Publishers, 1985), 199.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, You gave everything for the salvation of my soul, that's how much You love me. Help me to realize what a treasure my faith in You truly is. May I never miss an opportunity to grow in my faith and to witness to it to others. Amen