



I FOUND IT!

Matthew 13: 44 - 46

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MATTHEW 13: 44 - 46

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.”

MATTHEW 13: 36

“Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to Him...”

THE MAN	THE MERCHANT
Found It Incidentally	Looked For It Intentionally
Sudden Joyful Discovery	Slow Diligent Search
An Emotional Experience	A Deliberate Decision

JOHN 3:1, 2

“Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

JOHN 7:50, 51

“Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus earlier and who was one of their own numbers, asked, “Does our law condemn a man without first hearing him to find out what he has been doing?”

JOHN 19: 38, 39

“Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate’s permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds.”

From the greatest missionary against Christ, he became the greatest missionary for Christ.

From a persecutor, he became a preacher. From a legalist, he became an evangelist.

ACTS 9: 17 - 20

“Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again.

ACTS 9: 17 – 20

He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.”

- Was it incidental or was it intentional?
- Was it the result of a sudden discovery or a diligent search?
- Was it an emotional experience or a deliberate decision?

- Christianity is the most reasonable faith, but it is not so reasonable until we don't need faith.

- Do you value this pearl of great price?
- How do you respond to this treasure?
- What are you going to do about it?

- Both the man and the merchant did not hesitate to sell everything they had in exchange for what they found!

- The point of these parable is that the Kingdom of God must be our central pursuit and whatever we must give up, to gain the Kingdom is worth it!

MATTHEW 13:44

“When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.”

Matthew 13:46

“When he (the merchant) found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.”

- The pursuit of the Kingdom must be central, and it is worth it!
- Jesus is either Lord of all, or He is not Lord at all!

EPHESIANS 2:8, 9

**“For it is by grace you have been saved,
through faith—and this is not from
yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by
works, so that no one can boast.”**

- What you fail to recognize, you fail to value. What you fail to value, you fail to celebrate. What you fail to celebrate, you fail to enjoy. What you fail to enjoy, won't last!

JIM ELLIOT:

“He is not a fool, who gives up what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose.”

- Don't exchange the Kingdom for anything else, but exchange everything else for the Kingdom!

HEBREWS 11: 24 – 26

“By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.”

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MARK 8:35 - 37

“For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?”

- God is ready to assume full responsibility for a life completely yielded to Him.

MARK 8:36

“What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world, but he loses his own soul?”

MATTHEW 6:33

“But seek first (and foremost) his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

- Will you live according to His Word?
- Do you enquire of the Holy Spirit?
- Is He King over your family?
- Does He rule over your money?
- Does He dictate your future?
- Are you willing to obey when He calls?

**Will you enthrone Jesus
in your heart &
make Him King?**