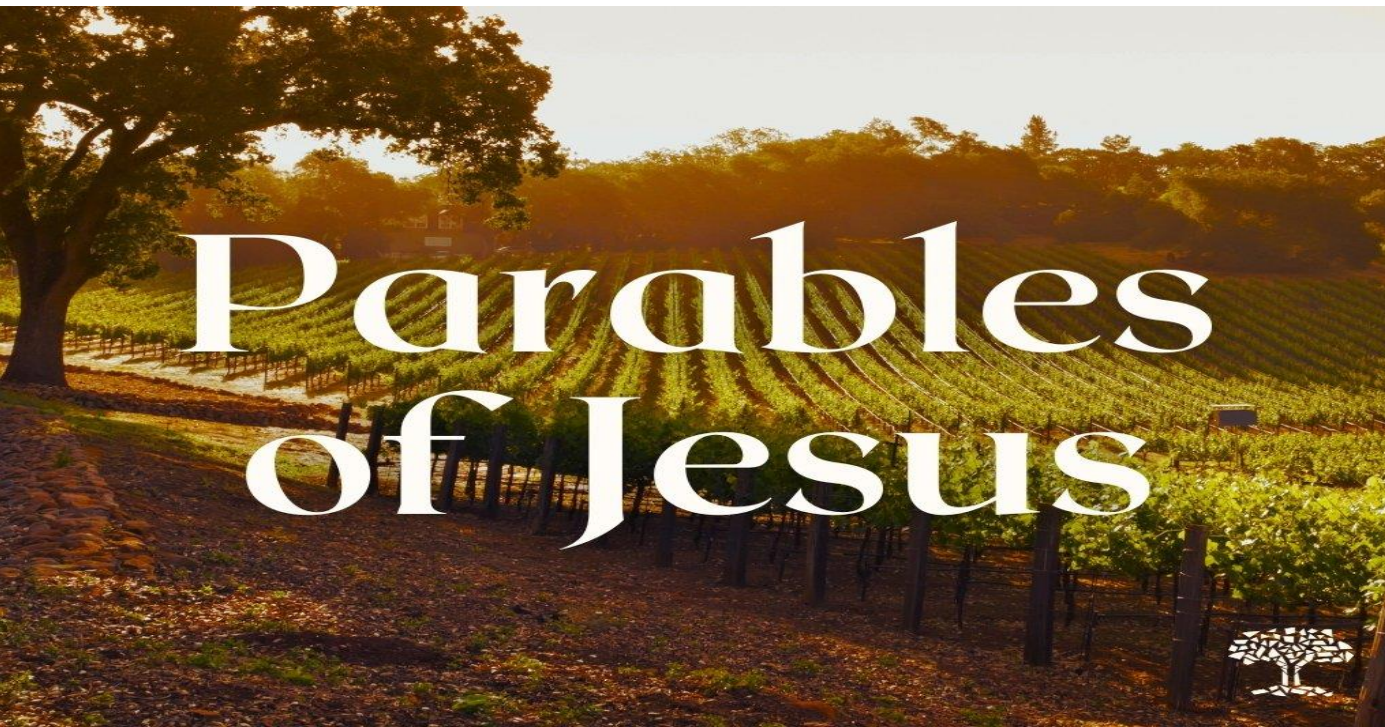


**The Parable of  
the Treasure and  
the Pearl**

**Matthew 13:44-46**



# **Matthew 13** **The Seven Parables** **of the Kingdom**

*“He who has ears,  
let him hear.”*



Matthew 13:1-23 *The Parable of the Sower*

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 *The Parable of the Weeds*

Matthew 13:31-32 *The Parable of the Mustard Seed*

Matthew 13:33 *The Parable of the Yeast*

Matthew 13:44-45 *Parable of the Treasure & the Pearl*

Matthew 13:47-52 *Parable of the Net*

**Matthew 13:44-45**  
***Twin Parable of the  
Treasure & the Pearl***



**The Supreme Hidden Value of the Kingdom**

***“Is it worth following Jesus in his kingdom?”***

**More valuable  
than the The  
Środa Treasure**

**Found 1985–1988,  
Środa, Poland.**

**Values estimate  
\$50- \$100 million**



**More Beautiful  
and Precious  
than the  
Giga Pearl**

- 27.65 kilo 39.37cm x 22.86cm x 20.95cm
- Embraced with a 22K gold gilded octopus
- Worth \$60–\$90 million



# Matthew 13:44-46

## The Parable of the Treasure and the Pearl

*44 '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.*

*45 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. 46 When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.*



# The Parables of the Hidden Treasure

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*'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again,*

**Treasure buried/hidden**

**A Man chance upon it**

**He buried it again!**



# Staffordshire Hoard 2009

- Terry Herbert and farmer Fred Johnson
- 7<sup>th</sup> century Anglo-Saxon treasure
- 3900 pieces gold and silver objects
- Worth \$5 million





**He Responded with**  
**Total Joyful Commitment**

*and then in his joy went and sold  
all he had and bought that field.*

**A Happy Trade-off!**  
**A Great Bargain!**  
*The treasure was worth  
more than all he had*



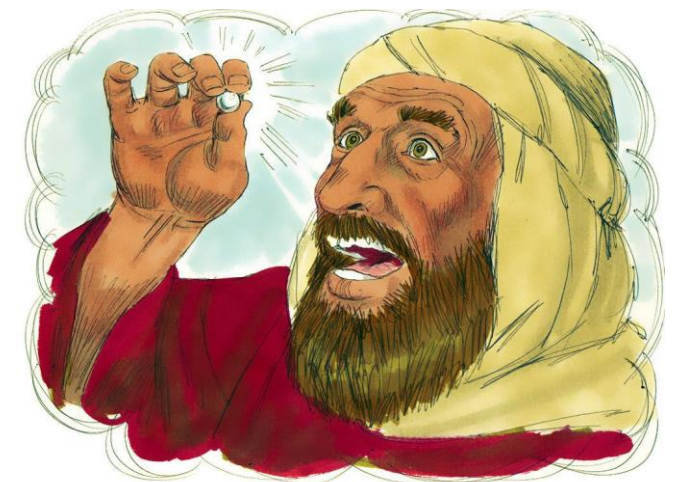
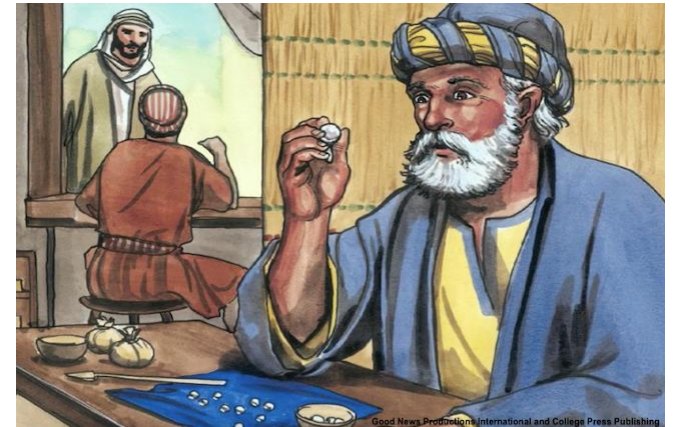
# The Parables of the Pearl

***45 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls.***

***Intentional Seeking!***

***He Found the Great Pearl***

***When he found one of great value,***



# He Responded with Total Commitment

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*he went away and sold everything  
he had and bought it.*

**He Sold Everything!**

*It was more valuable  
than all he has*





*The*  
**KINGDOM  
OF GOD**

**is of Supreme Value**

**Take Great Joy and Delight in the  
Riches and Beauty of the Kingdom of God**

**Entering the kingdom of  
God will cost us everything**

***Is It Worth It?***

**It's a Bargain!**  
**A Happy Trade-off!**

**John Piper**

*“The kingdom of God  
is so valuable that losing  
everything on earth,  
but getting the kingdom,  
is a happy trade-off.”*



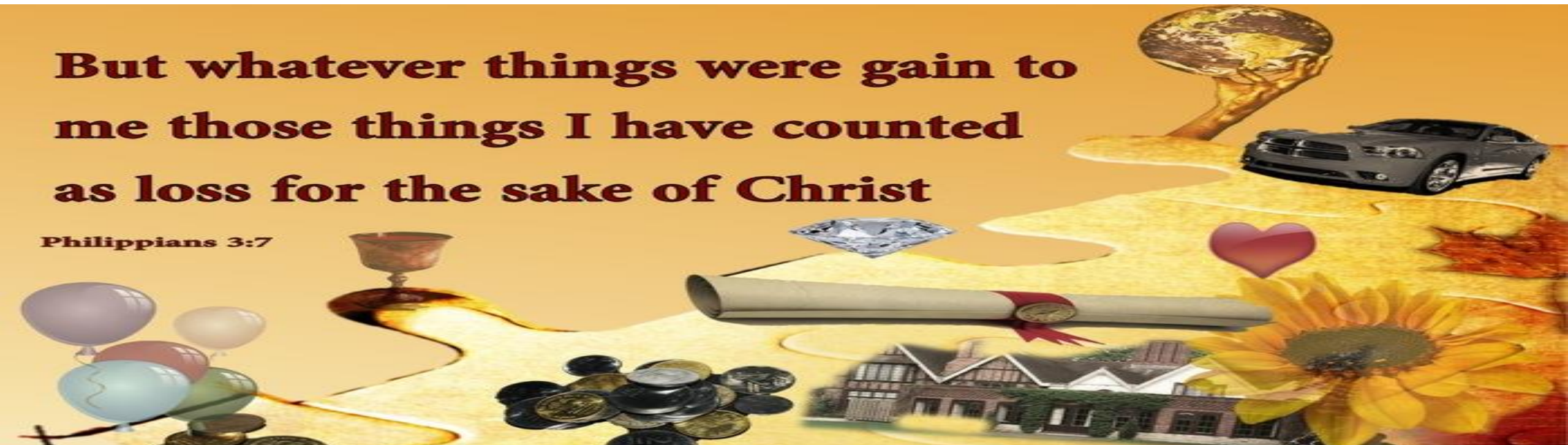
# A Joyful Abandonment!

**Philippians 3:7-8 Paul willingly gave away everything for it!**

*‘Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.’*

**But whatever things were gain to me those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ**

**Philippians 3:7**



# Why is it so Valuable?

## Listen to Jesus!

**Matthew 19:27-29 Peter answered him,  
'We have left everything to follow you!  
What then will there be for us?'**



*<sup>28</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'*

*<sup>29</sup> And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.'*

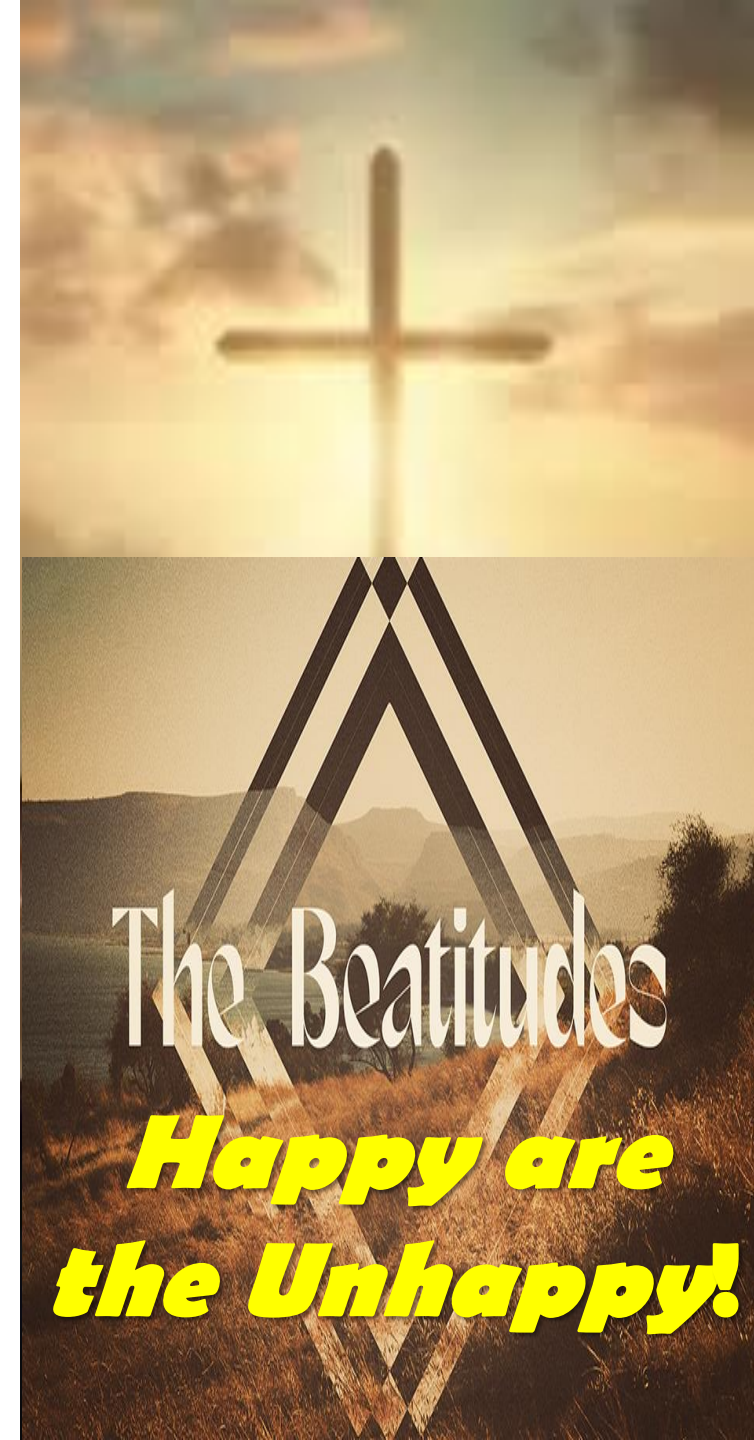
**Eternal Life of Intimate  
Relationship with God**

*God the Sovereign Father  
rules and reigns in our life!*

**A Life of Righteousness, Peace,  
and Joy in the Holy Spirit**

**Roman 14:17**

“For the *kingdom of God* is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”



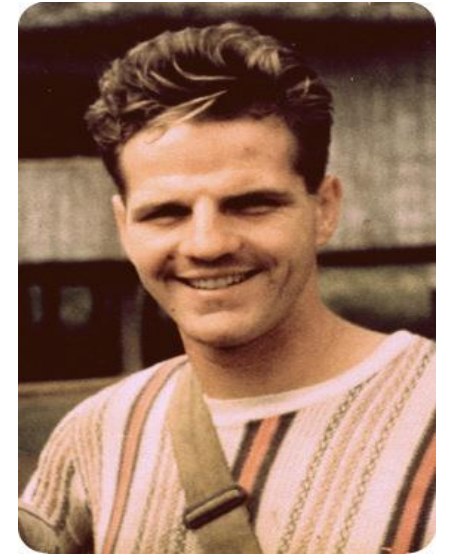


**Will you respond to the  
call of Jesus to follow him?**

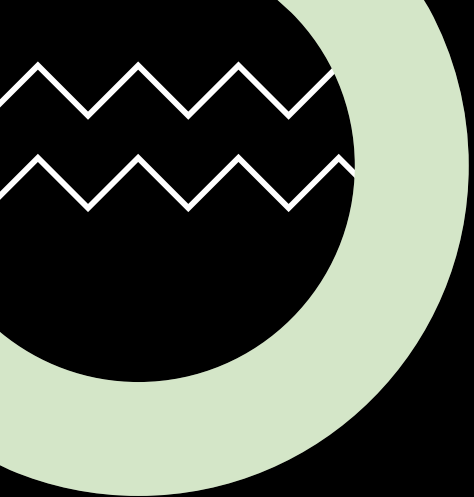
**It is Worth It! A Bargain!**

**Jim Elliot**

*“He is no fool who give away what he  
cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose”*



**D i s c i p l e s h i p**



# **Respond with Total Commitment**

## **William Whiting Borden**

***Follow Jesus Wholeheartedly!***

- ***"No Reserve"***  
Renounced his fortune.
- ***"No Retreat"***  
Refused his inheritance.
- ***"No Regrets"***  
Shortly before he died in Egypt.



# We are Clay Jar with Treasure in us

2 Corinthians 4:7

*But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.*

**The Treasure is the Gospel,  
The Message of the Kingdom**

*We are the ordinary, weak,  
and fragile vessels of God  
made strong by the gospel*



# Competent Ministers of the New Covenant

## 2 Corinthians 3:2-6

*6 He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant – not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.*

**We are letters of recommendation by Christ written with the Spirit in our hearts**



**You are Letters written  
By the Spirit of God**

**Expand His  
Kingdom Here**

**GO share our  
Treasure!**



**Go Mission  
with God**

# **A Life of the New Covenant**

**Jeremiah 31:33; Hebrews 8:10**

*'This is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after that time,' declares the Lord. '*

*I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.*

**A people belonging to God who know Him and obey His commands readily**



# Jesus the Messianic King fulfilled it on the cross

## **Luke 22:20**

*In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.'*

