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| **SERIES** | Parables |
| **BIBLE** | Matthew 13:44-50 |
| **TITLE** | Worth Everything |
| **OVERVIEW** | More often than not, God is an add-on in our lives. An accessory in some cases, or even an important portion for others, but we are still missing reality. That God is worth everything that we will ever have, want, or need. He is more valuable than even the good things that we have in our life. And the question becomes… if we had to, which would we choose? What has the priority of our hearts? |
| **SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN** | **Seeing What No One Else Can** (Mt. 13:44)  As Jesus tries to help us understand the Kingdom of heaven, He starts by comparing it to something hidden. Something that is invaluable—beyond anything you could imagine—but you can’t see it. It’s hidden below the surface. And you may stumble upon it by accident… or you may even be given a map to its’ location… but when you SEE it, it changes the rest of your life. You realize what everyone else doesn’t know. That all the things that you hold onto are worthless in comparison to that field. And it’s not the field that is so valuable… it’s the Kingdom of Heaven hidden in that field. So even though everyone ridicules you, tries to stop you, or stands in your way… you gladly (joyfully) sell everything that you have, for it is worthless in comparison to what you will gain.  **Valuing What No One Else Can** (Mt. 13:45-46)  Unlike the treasure in the field… this pearl is right in plain sight. It even has value to its’ owner. But not the same as how you see it. This is a pearl beyond any other pearl you’ve ever seen. This is the pearl you have been searching for your entire life. And even though the owners, your family, and your friends don’t understand… you gladly give everything in order to obtain what seems “not worth it” to everyone else. And that is how The Kingdom of Heaven will be… sometimes hidden… sometimes visible… but always missed.  **God Finds What No One Else Can** (Mt. 13:47-50)  It is no accident that Jesus than goes into this final “Kingdom of Heaven” story… where the fishers are not able to tell which fish is good or bad (or else they would only grab the good ones), but at the end of the age God will reveal the truth in your heart. He knows and He will divide you—those who are “actually in The Kingdom of Heaven” and “those who are not”. |
| **GOSPEL** | **Luke 14:25-34** - Count the cost. The grace of Jesus is free, but it will cost you everything.  **Matthew 16:24-27** – It may seem like you are giving up the whole world… but you are in fact finding your soul. Jesus promises to reward you in the end. It is worth it.  **Matthew 25:31-46** – The separation at the judgment. |
| **NEXT**STEPS | Jesus wants all of you. Every part. Surrender to Him and allow Him into every area of your life. Allow Him to direct your days. Put Him first. |