Truly Treasure (Matthew 13:44)

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INTRODUCTION

- I think sometimes we have trouble putting the right price tags on things. Or understanding what is truly treasure?
- What about a treasure you may possess that you don't know that you have? How about the knowledge that brings salvation and eternal life?
- For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, for your sake, he became poor. That you, through his poverty, might become rich. Now, that's truly treasure.

1 It Unlocks Creation's Mystery and Meaning

Ephesians 1

- Without the Bible, you can't have a proper worldview or an understanding of your very purpose.
- To the praise of the glory of his grace. I am never more in tune with my purpose as a human being in my existence than when I'm here with you.
- A proper worldview enables us to look at governments and people in power for what they are and for how temporary they truly are.
- If you lived in the first century, you answered to the Caesars. And yet that was not the king. The king is Jesus.
- How valuable is it to know that your hopes are not pinned on a government, a nation or a king. We must always weigh the temporary against the eternal.

2 It Awakens Us to Greater Spiritual Realities

2 Kings 6:16; 2 Corinthians 4:16–18

- What a tragedy if all you perceive to exist is what you see.
- Do not fear. For those who are with us are more than those who are with them. 2 Kings 6 and verse 16.
- Our eyes need to be open to the greater spiritual realities.
- Our momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory, which is beyond all comparison.
- For we do not look to the things which are seen. But to the things which are unseen. The things that are seen are temporal, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

3 It Clarifies How to Live Successfully

Acts 20:35

- Clarifies, brings to clarity, illuminates for us how to live successfully. A true measurement of a successful life.

- We tend to measure our success in regard to those kinds of things. But the Bible clarifies how to truly live successfully, young people.
- Remember what it means to truly live by God's definition. To live successfully rewardingly and eternally.
- It is more blessed to give than to receive. Do we believe that?
- What does the word do for us? It provides purpose. We find fulfillment. We survive trauma. We maintain perspective. And we possess peace.

4 It Brings Us to Fellowship with a Perfect God

- God's word is such a treasure because it brings us to fellowship with a perfect God. And the ultimate relationship that exists.
- This is eternal life. That they know you. And Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.
- He's the MIVP. The most important, valuable player that exists. And if you know him, and you know his Father, that is indeed living.

THE CHALLENGE

Do you possess such access? Are you imbibing in the unfathomable riches of Christ? And can we assist you in choosing him, submitting to him?

MY NOTES