



Grace Assembly Of God

## CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Matthew 13	Title:	Treasured
Author	Ps John Lin		
Summary of Chapter	In this chapter, Jesus shares 7 main parables that mainly focuses on the heart of the person and the Kingdom of Heaven.		

### Key Verse(s) NLT How does it speak to me?

<p><sup>45</sup> <i>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls.</i></p> <p><sup>46</sup> <i>When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.</i></p>	<p>I remember the first time I was able to buy a new laptop, I was determined to get an Apple Macbook Pro. I’d heard about it; I’d seen others use it and I was so attracted to it. Prior to this, I’d always been using a Windows laptop and I had enough of the computer hanging on me non-stop or the blue screen of death that many of us have faced.</p> <p>There was no other laptop that I wanted but this particular model. In my eyes, this Apple Macbook Pro was like the finest of all pearls in the laptop world. So I did whatever I could to get it even though it was more expensive than the usual laptop prices. Why? Because I discovered something of great value and I was ready to do anything to have it.</p> <p>When we discover something of great value, we are more than ready to drop everything to get it.</p> <p>Here, Jesus is telling us that there is nothing more valuable than the Kingdom of God. In the parable, the merchant was ready to give up everything to just have this fine pearl of great value. Likewise, are we ready to give up everything for Christ who is more valuable than anything else?</p> <p>Is Jesus the most worthy of our lives? One question I would like us to think about- where do my time, energy, money and resource lead to? Do they lead to the Kingdom of God where Jesus is seated on the throne of my heart? If not, who or what then is seated on the throne of my heart?</p>
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### APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	Where do your time, energy, money and resource lead to? Who or what is seated at the throne of your heart?
Youth:	What do you think are some things that you’ve given all of your energy and time to that have somehow still not made you satisfied?
Child:	Who/what do you think is the pearl of great value in this story (parable)? What have you been spending most of your time on?

### PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Dear heavenly Father, thank You for giving us the joy and privilege to be a part of Your Kingdom! Thank You for giving us forgiveness and salvation through Jesus Christ. Help us through your Spirit to live lives that express Your worth.
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank You for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc.)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc.)
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus’ Name I/we pray. Amen.