

WORD FROM THE PASTOR

GOD AND HIS KINGDOM



In the Gospel, Jesus offers us parables images that speak specifically to us about the Kingdom of God. **This Kingdom is like a treasure hidden in a field.** The man who discovers it hides it again; in his joy, he goes and sells everything he owns to buy the field. How did this man manage to find this treasure hidden in a field? There is only one way: he was working the land. **The Lord offers us an extraordinary treasure one that must be found through hard work.**

This work is the very task God assigned to humanity at the dawn of Creation. God entrusted the earth to man so that he might cultivate it.

What does this work entail? It means delving into the Word of God. **For the rabbis, the religious leaders, the "earth" represents, first and foremost, the Word of God. We must examine it, search it, and dig deep until we find the one true treasure that gives meaning to our lives.** When shaping a vision for our lives, it is wise to discern and sift through options before choosing and holding fast to the best. **And the greatest treasure the finest pearl is God and His Kingdom;** they deserve to be loved and sought above all else. The Kingdom of Heaven is worth selling everything we own to pursue. **Nothing compares to it; nothing can rival it. Jesus Himself in Whom the Kingdom is realized declares (as we heard in previous Sundays) that He is worth leaving everything behind to follow.** The same applies to faith. To believe is to cultivate a desire for faith and a longing to seek God. You can only stay upright on a bicycle while moving; otherwise, you fall. It is the same with faith and love! **Faith is an endless journey, a perpetual seeking of God, a loving thirst and hunger for Him that nothing can satisfy.**

What characterizes a disciple of Christ is the choice to follow Him along His path of humanity in His relationship with the Father and in the way He lived out truth, forgiveness, and respect for all, especially the lowly and the poor. Are we not, each of us today, stewards of the household of the Church? And is not the Gospel our treasure? A treasure bequeathed to us by our forebears in faith -a price-less heritage. Yet this treasure is not merely a static, lifeless tradition of "ancient" practices, moral rules, and immutable beliefs; it is a living tradition that creates something new. It is a treasure of the heart and of faith. Its name is the love of God and His Kingdom. **It is now our turn to be faithful disciples, good scribes, and, above all ingenious and creative stewards, following Christ's example to bring happiness to our own families and to the entire human family.**

God's plan for our lives is wonderful. Yet it is up to us to discover it. **To do so, we must let go of our own ideas which are too small and too limited and embrace God's.**

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