

# Wednesday, March 10

Today's Reading: Matthew Chapter 13: 31-58

Today's Devotional Message is by Pastor Paul Baehmann

*"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field. Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it." Matthew 13:44-46.*

What are you seeking in life? Do you have a purpose, a reason to get up every morning and face the day with a positive attitude? So many people don't. They get up day after day and they simply exist. Life for them it seems is neither good nor bad, it just goes on and they wonder why; what's it all about? Most of the time life for them is boring and uneventful. Occasionally for brief moments, because of things that happen in their life, they enjoy life and have some fun, but it is usually short lived and they get back to what they refer to as their boring life again. Hopefully that does not describe you. It certainly should not describe you or me because we are privileged to be children of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Jesus in these verses in Matthew's gospel speaks about two different men who are searching for something of great value; for the one it's a treasure in a field and for the other it's a pearl, and when they find what they're looking for they sacrifice everything they have; they sell it all just so they might possess that one thing that they value so highly. The point in both of these parables is that the treasure in the field and the pearl represent the Kingdom of Heaven, or to say it another way, the value of our life with God.

Jesus is our treasure and our pearl because He through His dying and rising again has made it possible for us to once again have an open and loving relationship with the God of Heaven and Earth. So our life, because of Jesus is changed forever from a boring, uneventful, negative life to a purpose driven, joyful, unending life in His presence.

Prayer: Thank You Jesus for all that You did through the cross and empty tomb so that I might have a joyful and purposeful life now and for all eternity in Your presence. Amen.