Love that song, love that song.
Matthew chapter 13, begin reading, we picked it up this morning, verse 36.
Matthew chapter 13, begin reading verse 36, and read down through verse number 46.
We always want to be able to do the things we can't do.
One of those things is, that is sing.
I wish I could sing, I can't sing, but I love, I love music.
Y'all gonna hear me say this a whole lot, but I love, I love this.
If I don't know what you're saying, I mean, especially if we're talking about Christian
music, but I love the songs that exalt and magnify the work of Christ.
He is the hero of this book.
All of this is about making much of him.
And I just, the lyrics of that song, I just, I love them, they bless my heart.
And he is the subject of this parable that we're gonna look at tonight.
Matthew chapter 13, I'll begin reading verse 36.
We looked at these verses this morning, but
I'm gonna continue and read down through verse number 46.
The Bible says, Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into
the house, and his disciples came unto him, saying,
Declaring to us the parable of the tares of the field.
And he answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the son of man.
The field is the world.
The good seed are the children of the kingdom.
But the tares are the children of the wicked one.
The enemy that soweth them is the devil, and
the harvest is the end of the world, and the reapers are the angels.
As therefore the tares are gathered and burned
in the fire, so shall it be in the end of this world.
The son of man shall send forth his angels,
and they shall gather out of his kingdom all
things that offend and them which do iniquity,
and shall cast them into a furnace of fire,
and there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
I believe it was Sister Susan stopped at the door today.
And she said, that is just so, so terribly sad.
And it is.
It is absolutely tragic.
Because it's a fate that does not have to be.
I love verse 43.
It says, Then shall the righteous shine forth
as a son in the kingdom of their father.
Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.
Now in verse 44, Jesus says again, The kingdom
of heaven is like unto a treasure hid in a
field, the which when a man hath found, he
hideth, and for joy thereof go and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.
Verse 45, Again, the kingdom of heaven is like
unto a merchant man seeking goodly pearls.
And when he had found one pearl of great price,
went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

Tonight I want us to look at this parable.
Two parables actually blend together.
They teach the same lesson of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price.
I know many of you write down in your Bible when
I preached on, whenever somebody's preaching you write a note on that.
I think I preached on this maybe about 10
years ago here, but this was the next parable
up, and this was on my mind as I was studying this week.
So, Lord, help us now.
We'll just look at these two parables, but let's pray first.
Dear Father, we thank you for the gift of this day.
Lord, for the service that we had this morning, the time of fellowship.
Lord, but your great name, the work that you
have done, Lord, the lamb that was indeed slain
for the sin of the world, Lord, you're also the
greatest teacher and preacher to ever exist.
Lord, these are your words.
I've been living, and they're true, and they're real.
Lord, but only you can give sight to blinded
eyes, and Lord, make it effective in our life.
And I pray tonight that you would just help
me to teach this in a manner that is pleasing in your eyes.
Again, Lord, just thank you for the opportunity to be here in this day.
In Jesus' sweet name we pray.
Amen and amen.
Folks, Jesus taught about many things.
He taught about marriage.
He taught about divorce.
He taught about giving.
He taught about forgiving.
He taught about worship.
He taught about, taught on many, many different subjects.
But if you'll read the Gospels and the teaching of the Lord
primarily, I'm not going to say it was his favorite subject.
I don't know if he has a favorite subject.
But the subject that he referenced the most or taught about
the most was the kingdom of heaven or the kingdom of God.
And that is a very, very deep subject.
There is a not yet aspect to the kingdom of God.
When all of God's children, when the Lord comes,
as he talks about here in these previous verses,
when time on this world ends and he calls his children home,
and we spend eternity in the presence of that standing lamb,
a kingdom with no sickness, no sin, no shame,
no death, no disease, no decay, no hurting, every tear is wiped from their eyes.
That is a very true and real kingdom of God that is waiting to occur.
But there's also a now kingdom of God.
Jesus said the kingdom of God is at hand.
Here.
Today.

Ushered when Christ came.
And in order for us to know anything about the experience, the kingdom to come,
we have to embrace the kingdom that is at hand.
But I think the most important thing that we can realize about the kingdom of God
is that Christ himself is the king.
It's called a kingdom.
We don't have kings here.
We have elected officials.
He is the king of the kingdom.
He is the one who is to be honored.
He is the one who will be worshipped.
He is the one who sets the rules.
He sets the bounds.
It is his kingdom.
And one of the lessons that we can take from this parable,
and it's very, very true, that when a man really begins to recognize,
I love y'all's testimonies,
and there's things that y'all have said years ago that have stuck with me.
This church, I will say this, I'm like a broken record.
This church has made such an impact on my life.
The first church that I ever got to pastor,
I come here at 38 years old,
never pastored anywhere before,
and just loved me and took care of me and said,
Brother Brian, you study and you pray and you preach
and we'll handle all of these things.
But in the midst of all that,
I got to know a lot of you,
and I got to hear testimonies of what the Lord has done in your life.
And this is one of those things that,
there's many things that bring an individual to the Lord.
One of those being the fear of what we read about this morning.
The fear of hell is a gift of God's love to those
who are lost to let them know that is reality.
And that may be the thing that draws someone there,
but it takes more than that for us to really grow in our spiritual life.
And the greatest thing that we grow in in our spiritual life
is we recognize the goodness and the awesomeness
and the love and the mercy and the long-suffering
and the worthiness of our King.
And when a man recognizes just how great the King is,
he'll forsake all things, he'll fall down before Him,
he will follow Him,
but the man that don't won't.
It's that simple.
You show me a man who doesn't honor the Lord,
serve the Lord, worship the Lord, follow the Lord,
I'll show you a man who has failed yet to recognize who He is.
But you let an individual come and go,
this great God has called me and saved me and loves me,

and we begin to see Him.
This is why all of our preaching,
all of our singing,
everything that we do has got to be God-centered,
not man-centered.
It's got to shine a big old bright light on Him
because the more we see Him, the more we desire Him,
the more we'll go after Him.
And we can learn from this parable.
that when a man truly does see Him for who He is,
he'll forsake and he'll fall,
and he'll follow the Lord.
This parable here of the hidden treasure in the pearl of great price,
Jesus shares this, but unlike the parable of the wheat and the tares,
He doesn't disclose the interpretation.
He doesn't come out and say exactly what this means.
If you're here tonight and you're saved, you have the Spirit of God.
If you're here tonight, I hope you have a copy of the Word of God.
And with the Spirit of God and the Word of God, we take
all the scriptures and we look at all that Jesus taught
and all that the Bible says,
we can understand clearly
what this parable is about.
And I'll just share this with you.
My view of it, my interpretation of it,
quite frankly,
is a lot different
than many others that I've read,
commentators that I've studied, maybe your own.
But I want us to look at this tonight and dive in to what the Lord Jesus has says.
But let's begin here, verse 44 and 46,
through 46,
it says, again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a treasure hidden in the field,
to which when a man hath found, he hideth for joy thereof and go and selleth
all that he hath and buyeth that field.
Again,
the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man seeking goodly pearls.
And when he hath found one pearl of a great price,
when it sold all that he had and bought it.
There's a couple of different subjects here
that make this parable up.
It's about two different men.
Two different men.
One goes after this treasure that is hidden in the field.
Another is a merchant man seeking goodly pearls.
It's a parable about sacrifice.
It's a parable about searching.
It talks about this world and where these things are.
So I want to share a few facts with you.
But really the question is, is who is this man?

Who are these men?
A few facts about mortal men.
Mortal men,
when I say mortal men, I'm talking about you and I,
man are seekers.
It's just in our bones.
The voyagers and the people who are going and searching after new lands.
This world is searching with all of its might
to find peace,
to find joy,
to find comfort,
to find security,
to find understanding.
In a certain sense,
man is seeking for something greater.
They may call it a higher power.
They may call it God.
They may call it something else.
But man innately is a seeker.
He longs to find things and secure things.
But here's where I know what the Bible says.
The Bible says in the book of Romans chapter 3
that no man seeketh after God.
Now folks, that's either true or it's not true.
That no man seeketh after God.
And what Paul is saying,
man may seek after religion,
he may seek after peace,
he may seek after eternal life,
he may seek after forgiveness,
but no man is seeking after a pure,
thrice holy God
who stands above all things, the God of the universe,
to whom when a man sees him,
he must bow down and fall before him.
No man is searching after that God.
You see, as a matter of fact,
the last thing that a man would do
who loves darkness is to search after the light.
Jesus said in John chapter 3,
and this is the condemnation
that man come into the world,
but man love darkness rather than light.
Those are facts about mankind.
Man is a seeking man, but man is also a man who sacrifices.
Every parent in here,
every grandparent in here,
maybe not even a parent you're working at,
men sacrifice.
We sacrifice time, we sacrifice our health,

we sacrifice our wealth,
we sacrifice a lot, a lot of things.
Many a man has sacrificed, and woman has sacrificed their lives
for the love of this country.
They sacrifice their lives for the love of Christ,
for the cause of Christ.
But I want us to see here,
no earthly man can match the sacrifice of the men that we find in this parable.
Mortal men are seeking men,
mortal men are sacrificing men,
and mortal men are securing men.
We like to get things, and we know,
and they become ours.
I don't have a lot, but there's a few.
By the way, everything belongs to the Lord, but y'all know what I'm talking about.
There's a few things that are mine.
I've got my house.
I've got my truck.
Those that are not maples,
they're mine.
I mean,
those are things that belong to me.
And let me tell you this, though.
No man can ever purchase or secure a place in the kingdom of God.
Man's earthly currency of effort and religion and work
holds no heavenly value whatsoever.
Simeon tried to purchase a place in the kingdom of God, and it didn't work.
Description of these two men, though, are men who were seeking.
So let's look at it very closely.
Verse 44,
Again, the kingdom of heaven is likened to a treasure hidden in the field
through which when a man hath found, he hideth it for joy thereof.
Go and selleth all that he hath and buyeth that field.
Again, the kingdom of heaven is likened to a merchant man seeking gildly pearls
who when he hath found one pearl of great price
winneth all that he had and bought it.
Both of these men were seeking.
What I want to say,
neither one of these individuals
were on a leisurely stroll.
Those two men on the road to Emmaus, they're just walking and they're just talking.
They're not necessarily seeking anything.
They're caught up in their doubt and their depression.
But the men in this parable are actually,
they're men on a mission.
They're going after something.
It was a practice
back in ancient days that men,
because there were no banks and nothing like that,
that men would take wealth, they would take treasure,

they would take their goods and they would actually bury those things in the ground.
You remember the story of Achan after Jericho?
That's exactly what Achan did.
That's something that people would do.
They would take those things and they would bury those things in the ground.
So here's the point that I'm making right here.
They didn't stumble into these things.
They were looking for them.
Where was this treasure?
It's his in the field.
Where's this pearl
of great price?
It's down at the bottom of the sea.
These were men on a mission.
When it comes to sacrifice,
look at the sacrifice that we find here.
Again, the kingdom of heaven is likened to a treasure here in the field
to which when a man hath found, he hideth for joy thereof
and go and selleth
all that he hath
and buyeth that field.
It says in verse number 46,
and sold all that he had and bought it.
Selleth all that he had
when it sold all that he had.
There was nothing withheld or kept back.
This was not a purchase to where we go.
I don't think anybody here,
I've spent more money on things than I need to.
I bought some expensive things.
But one thing that I've never done,
I've never completely exhausted Joel
every bit of resource that I have.
I didn't go and pawn anything.
I didn't get rid of everything that I got because I took all that I,
all the equity that I could get
to purchase something.
That is what occurred here.
Everything that he could have
was all sold for the purpose
of buying this.
Securing this field.
He went and sold all that he hath, went and sold all that he had.
He said he went and bought that field, he bought it.
Everything went into
not just purchasing this,
but securing it.
To what used to be somebody else's was not theirs anymore.
It all become his.
It was secured.

Now here's, who is this about?
Who is this about?
Folks, there is one
and there is only one individual that matches the
criteria of this good of the man seeking goodly pearls.
There is only one
that matches the criteria
of this merchant man
and it ain't your preacher and it ain't Brother William.
It ain't some other
Christian who's on fire because they're passionate about the Lord.
This matches,
this is the Lord
Jesus Christ.
Folks, when it comes to Jesus and seeking,
we got all kinds of material.
I love that woman in the well in Canaan, she said that he must needs go
through Samaria.
I love that a woman who had been married multiple times and was shacking up,
he's out and he's searching and he's looking for her.
It's the same God who's searching for Paul
on Damascus Road.
It's the same God that Jesus is listening to those scribes and Pharisees
murmuring about that he would eat with sinners
and spend time with them and Jesus goes into those parables in Luke 15
about the lost sheep, the lost coin, the lost son.
What many of you have had one sheep wouldn't
leave the 99 and go searching after him?
It's the seeking Savior.
When it comes to the Lord and sacrifices,
there's no shortage of material.
2 Corinthians 8 and 9
says,
so though he was rich,
yet for your sakes he became poor,
that ye through his poverty might be rich.
And to really understand that, we need to go to Philippians chapter 2.
Paul is talking about the Lord Jesus.
He says, for let this mind be in you,
which was also in Christ Jesus.
I want to read that to you.
Philippians chapter 2.
This is one of the greatest passages that explains the depths
of the poverty that the Lord went through.
Philippians chapter 2.
Let this mind be in you, which is also in Christ Jesus,
who, being in the form of God,
thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made himself of no reputation
and took upon him
the form of a servant

and was made in the likeness of men
and being found in fashion as a man,
he humbled himself and became obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Jesus is painting the picture now
of this man who comes and he's on a mission, he's on a mission,
he's on a mission
and he's looking for something
and what he finds, he's going to purchase
but it is going to cost him everything.
It will be the biggest sacrifice
that has ever occurred.
2 Corinthians 5, 21 says,
For he hath made him
to be sent for us
who knew no sin.
This is the Lord
when it comes to securing.
Folks, the blood
of the Lord Jesus Christ
is the only currency that can stir the dead man,
save a soul,
secure a soul.
The atoning work of the Lord is the only value.
That's the only thing that has a value.
That's enough to purchase the entire field.
We see in verse 38
that this entire field is the world.
Look, when Jesus says on the cross,
it is finished.
It was finished.
It was complete.
The price was paid.
The wrath of God was satisfied.
I've looked at this in the past.
I've looked at this in the past and go,
well, man, this has got to be
about the true believer that when he finds the Lord,
everything else will
pale in comparison.
And if a man truly sees the Lord,
everything else will pale in comparison.
But I look at this and I understand
there is one
and there's only one
who meets this criteria.
You say, preacher,
what practical difference does this parable
make in my life?
Go back to my wife's statement.

She said so many years ago,
Brian, I need something that's going to help me make it through Monday.
How does this parable
help us make it through Monday?
I want to share three things with you real quick.
Number one,
there is value in you.
We live in a world
where some people think way too much of themselves.
But we also live in a world where people don't think nearly enough of themselves.
You may not want to repeat after me, but I want to tell you something.
Young man,
you are a pearl of great price.
Wesley,
you are a hidden treasure.
I believe in the doctrine of the depravity of man.
And I believe you do too.
You may not know what to call it,
but the doctrine of the depravity of man, what is that?
It means that man
is dead in his sins,
that his nature is broken,
and there ain't a thing in the world that he can do about it to fix it.
We're not sinners because we sin.
We sin because we are sinners.
That is who we are.
Man is depraved.
Now what has happened,
especially with some of our more Reformed
and Calvinistic brothers,
is they have taken the depravity of man and they have carried it to an extreme
that it's no longer even biblical.
Say, preacher, what do you mean by that?
These men would tell you
that you are so wicked,
you are so dead,
you are so defiled,
you are so doomed,
there is absolutely nothing redeemable
in you at all.
And I would say that's garbage.
I would say that I was made
in the very image of God.
Sin has stained me,
sin has slain me,
I stand opposed to God,
I'm a transgressor against God,
but this great God who made me in His image,
I am cherished, I am loved,
I am longed for,

there's nobody who loves me anymore,
there's nobody else who sees the value
that He sees when He looks at me,
even though I'm lost, even though I'm doomed,
even though I'm a tear,
this same great God put His Spirit within me and
He loves me and there is something redeemable in me
and that this great God moved heaven and earth
and come searching and looking for me
because there was something
that was worth saving.
There's value in you,
there's value
in every individual that walks the face of this earth.
We all have the same need
that on our own,
left alone,
we can't do anything about what we are.
There's no currency,
there's no worth, there's no sacrifice.
I can't sell enough,
I can't preach enough to buy myself
a place in the kingdom of God.
It just can't happen but guess what Ted,
I don't have to.
He sold all that He had,
He sold all that He had.
I couldn't go up to God,
God come down to me,
He came seeking,
He came seeking,
He came seeking
because there is value
in each one of us.
They said, Earl,
I want you to realize that
I'm just going to get personal.
There is still
great value in you.
Miss Joyce,
there's still, 95?
Four.
Still great value in you.
Amen.
Amen.
You got so much baggage in your life, you can't even hardly carry it all around.
There's great value in you.
How do I know?
Because Christ died for you.
That's how I know.

There's value.
But we got to recognize the desperate situation
that we are in.
Look at this text, look at this parable.
It says,
this treasure is buried in a field.
Where's the pearl found?
Not in the jewelry store.
Where are pearls made?
Huh?
Everybody talking at one time.
Ocean.
Not just the ocean.
And an oyster.
So this pearl
is in an oyster.
Oysters don't hang out
swimming on top.
This pearl
is in an oyster in the belly
of an oyster
in the bottom
of the sea.
Covered in slime.
This treasure is in a field
covered in dirt.
We got to understand their desperate, desperate situation.
They could not help themselves.
This pearl could not come out
of the oyster's belly
into the pocket.
of this merchant man.
This treasure could not dig its way out of the dirt.
They only hoped for those two things as if this great
godly merchant man would come looking for them.
Hallelujah.
Because he's good.
But there's value in these things.
But here's the thing we got to recognize.
The Lord
will not adorn himself
in dirty pearls.
There's a song that we sing
and it used to be sung it's been sung my entire life.
Man I remember going to kid I was your age and I didn't know the Lord
and I hated I hated I hated when they played that song just as I am.
I couldn't stand it.
Here's why I couldn't stand it.
Because it was an invitation
to my rebellious heart.

Just as I am with that one plea that your blood was shed for me they would
they would play that thing they would play that thing
and praise God that's true
just as you are
you don't clean up first you don't fix the habit first
you bring it
bring it all that stuff to the Lord but here's where we got to go further
in order for God to accept us
his love draws us
but his holiness would not allow him
to adorn himself
with dirty pearls his holiness would not allow himself to carry dirty treasure
in his pocket his holiness would not allow him
to accept us as we are
we must
be changed we come as we are and this great
king does the work that only our king can do
and he excels
at taking a tear
and making it a wheat he excels
at taking a goat
and making it a sheep
the same great one that searches is the one who has sacrificed everything
to this desperate situation that a man is in
buried
in sin
in slime
but that this great God comes
and he takes us
and he remakes us
and he turns us
into something new
but I love this last part
folks the position the position
that the child
of God is now in people get nervous about this
I'm not going to argue with anybody about this
I want us
this is my prayer
this is my prayer this is my prayer this is my prayer
I just
I want to preach the Bible right
I don't want to be right
I want to get right with the Bible
I want to teach to y'all and preach to y'all
not tradition
not soapboxes
I want to preach what is the truth
of God's word
look at this

again the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field
to which when a man has found it he hideth and for
joy thereof goeth and selleth all he had and did what
buyeth
that field
again the kingdom of heaven is like it to a merchant man seeking good little pearls
who when he has found one pearl of great price went and sold all that he had
and he bought it what are you getting that preacher
these things are now his the greatest thing about salvation
isn't forgiveness the greatest thing about salvation
is that I
am the
personal property
of the king
of the universe
I'm his folks you're not Alta said this today
there ain't no man that's ever walked that could keep himself saved
we don't have it in us and what arrogance to think
that it took Christ dying to save us but somehow I can keep myself no
when he saves us he puts ourselves in himself
he puts himself in us
he takes possession of us we are the purchased
possession of the Lord he went and bought Colossians
my life is hid with God in Christ
now listen
that will not make you live casually
for one single minute
what it will make you do
it will make you praise God it will make you worship God it will make you thank God
it will make you want to live for God because Kyler
when he saved you he says that one is now mine
he's mine what was we had in John the other day
John 17
he's told me that my father
hath given
he was preaching
praying for the disciples
my father
he says
has given them to me have y'all ever looked at salvation that way
I really hadn't a whole lot
that to be saved
Deborah
is that God the father
has taken you by grace through faith and he has handed you as a gift to his son
now you tell me
who's going to rob Jesus of her
huh
who's going to rob God
of his own it ain't going to happen now Paul says I'm persuaded neither death

nor life nor angels nor principalities
nor things high nor present nor things to come nor anything else shall I ever
separate me from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus my Lord I want us
to see this parable hey listen if we begin to see God the things they lose
their splendor just a little bit you don't need
quite as much you ain't entertained by quite as much
because he becomes more than just your savior
he becomes your passion and guess what he's important to me and now he's got
preeminence in my life so you can take that from that and go but listen right here
ain't none of us purchase a place in God's kingdom
we weren't looking for God when God found us
we can't sacrifice enough to get in
praise God he did every single bit of it what practical difference how does this
help me make it through Monday all the difference in the world
there's value in me
and thanks to God being God I'm not where I used to be
and thanks to God being God I am somewhere where I can never be lost again
but I want us to see this and this is where it's really important I want to close
I love that song his great name his great name his great
name because see if you read this parable the wrong way
who's the hero
in verse 44
who's the hero
who's the hero in verse 45 and 46
the hero
the one who deserves
the praise
is that man who went and sold all that he had and went and bought the field
the hero the man who deserves all the praise is that merchant man
who went and sold goodly pearls and sold everything the hero in this friend
ain't us
no
the hero
the hero is the Lord
and see
this isn't an irrelevant
or insignificant point
it's the main point
it is only
by understanding
Tyler that he's the hero
he's the seeker
he's the savior
he's the secure
that I worship him
and honor him
in my life the way he deserves
let's pray heavenly father thank you for your word
thank you that
lord you are the one

lord sin has wrecked our lives
it has wrecked your perfect creation
it's not how you made it
but it is how it is
but you and your great love and mercy and to the
glory of your great name sent your only begotten son
lord to bring himself into this dark place
because there's still value
in your creation
but apart from your saving hand we're doomed we're defiled we're separated
but lord you
can clean a man
recreate a man
lord and turn that man into your man
lord may we see what you've done
and honor you daily for it
in jesus name i pray amen let's stand please amen