

story

Read Mt 13:45-46

value of the pearl is not our salvation

pearl cost all that he had - gained him everything that mattered
Jesus is asking - will you give all that you have to gain all that I am

Ps 27:4 David "one thing" - focus of my life

Mt 6:33 God will watch over my responsibilities (add to me) if I will make
watching him my only responsibility

does the story suggest that we pity merchant

Misha - spend her life for the kingdom - friends WHY

Phil 3:8 Amplified - furthermore, I count everything as loss compared to the
possession of the priceless privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the
surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord
and of progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with
Him. For His sake I have lost everything and consider it all to be mere
rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

What is the cost - Misha's friends/us - what are we willing or unwilling to
give up for the kingdom

costs - common thread - me - self

God asks me to give up what I was never created to be - Adam - image

self came from the fall - love which is outward became self which is inward -
so God is asking me to give up what I was never intended to have - I've
assigned a false value to these counterfeits

I live for myself at the cost of the image of God in me

not loss but gain - but to see that, we have to recognize a truth about our value, who we are in Christ and what we were created for

and so we end up at this place of determining value - making a decision

nothing you can do to please God

that thinking leads us to works - don't work to please Him - yield/surrender we receive what's already been provided

don't try to improve your standing with God - it can't be done - know his heart toward you and receive it

not about performance but surrender

Merchant - previous goal/purpose - everything he now does is with the pearl in mind

so what does the kingdom have to do with how I think and live - what is the impact of David's one thing on my behavior - does the kingdom affect the vision and focus of my life

ONE suggestion - Pursue the HS - fanatical - not a doctrine or denominational position but as friend

He wants to be your friend - more interested in you than himself

trinity - marriage - e-mail (whole/complete)

Rom 14:17 the kingdom of God... is in the HS

kingdom life and power are in the form of a person
discover HS in you - personal discovery in private

time can involve worship, prayer, listening, being quiet

w/o conscious knowledge goals & priorities, baggage fall off

find out what He is interested in - on his mind - pick up on his heart - get to know him like a friend

Mt 1:23 he shall be called IMMANUEL - God with us

obscure theological concept - HS lives in me in some unknowable way or does this God who walked with Adam want to walk and talk with me.

focus on tree - change focus to walking with God - sin conscious or presence conscious

friend/son vs servant - get beyond servant attitude

How does that happen - not by trying but by surrendering

Wigglesworth - "Faith that prevails"

"It seems to me that the way to get up is to get down. It is clear to me that in the measure that the dying of the Lord is in me, the life of the Lord will abound in me".

Similar "in the measure that He has gone deep within me - in that measure He will be extreme outside of me"

Some people - I'm here and willing, God can come any time and do that to me - God rarely imposes himself - true except when not - Saul of Tarsus

God is not responsible for your potential - everything for kingdom life has already been made available to you

Pearl - value - greatest value in the world is available - we have to make a decision of its value to us - then position ourselves to surrender and receive