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# The Priceless Pearl

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"The Kingdom of heaven is like a gem dealer
looking for beautiful pearls.
One day he found a pearl of great price,
and he went and sold all he had
and bought it." (Matt.13:45-46)

Jesus said the Kingdom is like
a merchant
searching for fine pearls.

This man had searched
everywhere.
He had handled
every lesser pearl.
He knew the shine
that doesn't last,
the promises that fade.

Then-
he saw it.

"One pearl
of great value."

Not one more pearl.
Not a better pearl.
The one
he had searched for
his whole life.

In that moment,
everything else
lost its value.

Jesus said
he "went and sold
all he had

and bought it."

Not reluctantly.
But joyfully.

Because when the worth
of the Kingdom is seen,
the exchange
isn't loss.
It's gain.

This parable reveals
the moment
when value becomes clear.
The merchant's lifelong search
meets its fulfillment
in a single discovery.
Every lesser attachment
falls away
in the presence
of surpassing worth.

You may not know this about Jesus-
He never calls us
to release what is precious
until He reveals
something more precious.

Only a greater worth
can loosen the grip
of a clinging heart.

And Jesus teaches this repeatedly:
the Kingdom is worth
more than family,
security,
possessions,
even life itself.

Its value surpasses
all we search for,
all we gain,
all we cling to.

The Pearl of Great Price
is the moment of recognition-
the unveiling of worth
so great
that surrender becomes joy.
The merchant's exchange
Isn't sacrifice-
it's clarity.

This is the Kingdom:
a worth so surpassing
that once seen,
it revalues everything.

And Jesus didn't tell this story alone.
He paired it with the Treasure in the Field-
one found by accident,
one found by searching.
Different paths,
same revelation:
the Kingdom's worth
is so great
that joy makes surrender easy.

Where is Jesus revealing a worth so great
that surrender becomes joy?

The Kingdom's value is not proven by what I give up,
but by what I see.
When Jesus reveals His worth,
letting go becomes joy.

Father, let me see the worth of Your Kingdom,
and give me joy in letting go of what cannot compare.
In Jesus' name, Amen.