

October 12th- 18th

Parables pt.2: Sell Out

In this lesson you will learn three ways that God develops pearls in your life.

Intro: Matt 13:45-46- Jesus compared the Kingdom of Heaven to a pearl of great price. When the merchant found that pearl, he went away and sold all that he had so that he could purchase the one pearl. What are you searching for, or hoping to get out of life? You are that expensive pearl. God loves you so much that He sent Jesus to give up everything in order to purchase you with His own blood. What will you give up for Him? God is sold out to pursue you and love you with all His heart. Let us return the favor back to Him. Let us live completely sold out to pursue Him and love Him with all our hearts.

I. The Pearl of Purpose

- A. Stop living for a position and start living for a purpose. You are not defined by your career, relationship status, or your income level. You were created and designed by God to uniquely fulfill a purpose (Eph 2:10). Your purpose is not all about you, but about serving others with your gifts. When you know your purpose, then you can tap into your potential, and become all that God created you to be. Strive to become all you can be.

II. The Pearl of Pain

- A. Stop running from pain. The pearl of pain means that some dreams and opportunities will cost you dearly. The pain may seem unbearable at times, but it is necessary, Let the pain propel you forward. There is a beauty that comes into your life that as a result of the pain and pressure you have endured. If you embrace the pain from the right perspective, God will use that to mold it, shape it, and form it into a pearl of perseverance (Rom 5:3).

III. The Pearl of Process

- A. Recognize that God has you in a process of preparation and development. The pearl of the process is really about being planted. Planted seeds will eventually sprout. You need to give seeds; time, water, and fertilizer. Patience is developed during the time it takes to go from the promise to seeing the promise fulfilled (Heb 6:12). God takes his time when developing you and preparing you from just an acorn to a mighty Oak tree.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the pearl of purpose God is developing in your life?
2. Are you running away from the pain or embracing the pain?
3. How can you enjoy the process that God is bringing you through?