



# TRANSFORMED

DEVOTIONS CONNECTING TEENS TO CHRIST

**“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.”**

*Matthew 13:44*

## Treasure(d)

If you had to spend every day with just one thing you owned, what would that one thing be? Now, if you had to give up that thing, what would you ask for it? In other words, what do you value most in your life and what it is worth to you?

We live in a world that asks us every day to give, give, give. At school we need to give our time and our energy to our teachers for a grade. We have to give even more to our friends. Some of us have jobs already which require more giving. Even at church we can sometimes be overwhelmed with all the opportunities to give! Today God challenges you, no, *blesses* you with this thought: “What are you willing to give for me?” Thankfully, God doesn’t leave you alone in your decision. He leaves you with Jesus.

While you ponder that, simply enjoy what Jesus was willing to give up for you. Notice how I said, “enjoy this.” That’s what God wants you to do. *Enjoy* his gifts and his giving and realize how valuable you are to your Savior! As you think about that, think also about how you are now able to give of yourself, which isn’t always easy!

The Bible tells us that we have Jesus, “who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!” (Philippians 2:6-8)

God didn’t make it difficult for us to make the decision to give. He made it painfully easy—through the pain of our Savior Jesus on the cross. God has given us the greatest reason to give. He gave us Jesus, and we are treasured by him. He proved that when he gave everything for us! We have Jesus who forgives us when we don’t think we’re worth much of anything. He says, “I don’t *need* anything from you. But I *want* your heart, your life, and your soul.” Because Jesus loves us so much, we want to give everything to our Lord. We work to put him as number one in our lives not because we have to, but because we *want* to.

What’s the most valuable thing to you? Although you may struggle to show it all the time, it really is Jesus. He is your treasure and you are his. God bless you as you put him as number one, and show others the love of Christ in all you do.

**Prayer: Dear Savior, help me remember that I am precious to you. Help me to remember that you are the most precious thing to me. You did everything for me, help me to say “thank you” every day of my life for you! In your name. Amen.**