

# ***DID I BUY THE FIELD?***



***“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy, he goes and sells everything, and buys the field.”***

*Matthew 13*

He doesn't stew about it.

*Is this wise?*

*Will I regret this rash move?*

*Shouldn't I hang on to what I have?*

**He just buys the field.**

**He does it joyfully.**

So how come we keep pussy-footing around the issue?

How come we hesitate and vacillate and procrastinate?

Jesus keeps telling us,

***“You want to come with me?***

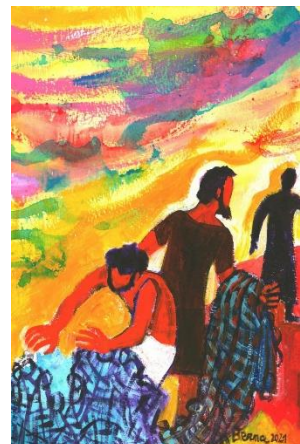
***Come all the way, or forget it!”***

Peter, Andrew, James and John didn't hold a prayer meeting to figure out what to do.

They knew what to do, and so do we!

***And when they had brought their boats to land,  
they left everything and followed him.***

*Luke 5*



Of course, it's not everybody's cup of tea.

It's not like buying a house, or joining a club, or even getting married.

When it hits you, you just know.

You know that what lies on the other side of that gate is worth more than life itself.

So we enter.

**Who knows where the Master will take us?**

**Wherever it is, that's where we want to be.**

**Lord, lead on!**

It can happen when you're sitting at the kitchen table, looking out the window.

It can hit you in the middle of the night.

Or driving down the freeway.

Or sitting in a waiting room

Perhaps even in church.

***Here I am, Lord!***

It's a radical break with the past.

We are selling all we have to buy the field.

We are doing it with a joy we cannot explain.

*No more playing games.*

*I'm yours, Lord.*



Yes, Jesus tells us to count the cost; to be sure we know what we're doing.

***"If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.***

***Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple.***

***For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?"***

*Luke 14*

Does Jesus really want me to hate my wife, my husband, my mother, my father, my child?

To hate my own life?

Jesus wants me to make sure that my spouse, my mother, my father, my child, my own life...

**....never gets in the way of buying the field.**

**And once we buy the field we never look back.**

Every morning we present our body to the Lord as a living sacrifice, to be spent this day to his glory.

Every morning we turn our mind away from the darkness and open it to the light of his Spirit.

To love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves.

To trust God in all things.

To serve wherever he puts us.

Every day we walk in the light the Lord Jesus gives us, thanking God for the chance to serve in this place where he has put us.



We bought the field.

We have the treasure.

What more could we want?

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*Prayer: Good Lord, help us to recognize and desire the treasure you offer us beyond anything else. Help us to willingly, joyfully, fearlessly sacrifice all to buy the field. Oh may we come all the way, leave everything so that we may follow you...no matter where you lead us. Here we are Lord...you are worth any cost. We present ourselves to you this day, every day. We turn our minds, our hearts to you and away from the darkness into your wonderful light...You, our greatest treasure...our great joy to serve wherever you have put us. Amen.*

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