

APRIL 27

**“WHO I AM IN CHRIST,  
IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD,  
WILL NEVER PASS AWAY.”**

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**READ**

*Matthew 13:44, Matthew 6:19-21*

I am fascinated about how Jesus explained the Kingdom in Matthew 13. The kingdom of heaven is like a man on a journey and he stumbles into a field, and notices the dirt has fallen in. He's fascinated by it. He sticks his staff down in the hole. He hits a box of something and digs it out of the ground. He finds gold and silver and jewels in the box. For joy over it, he goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field. Notice the words, "for joy." That is how Jesus describes the kingdom of God. It is something so precious and so unexpected, that we are willing to sell everything this world counts as valuable to obtain that field in which treasure is hidden. We too often look at Christianity as what we have to give up. But that verse says the man was willing to give up everything and he did it with joy. And for joy, I'm willing to give up what this world calls valuable in exchange for what the Kingdom of God calls eternal.

**PRAY**

Jesus, I pray that You will release me from my manacles of materialism, from the comfort of money that's passing away, from the security of this present world and help me find my comfort and security in You and what will last forever.

*From April 27, 2013*