THE NECESSITY OF EMBODIED ALLEGIANCE



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THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

"Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 4:17

repent = radical reorganization
of priorities and values

kingdom = King - Reign - People

at hand = present, among you, here, now

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Recognize the value when you see it

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We will pursue what we value the most

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We will joyfully give up lesser things for what we value the most

Idols can't be discarded, they have to be displaced.

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The Kingdom is of such great value and worth that it requires our complete devotion, our utter commitment, our joyful, wholehearted pursuit.