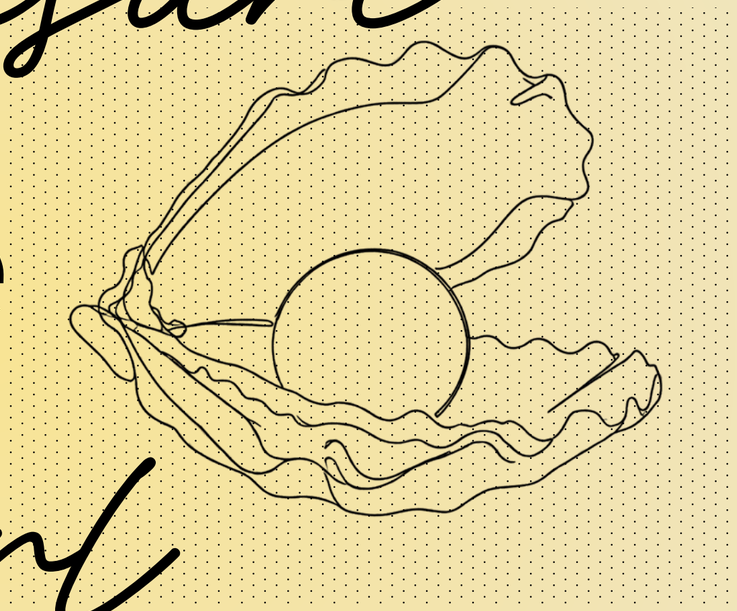
The *treasure*

And The *pearl*



Parable series part 2 Matthew 13:44-46

And unlike the parables of other cultures or other people, Jesus' parables contain within them not moral or ethical lessons, but a real living person, a truly living reality, and they have God's power in them to bring dead souls to life and set living souls ablaze.

When a person is “saved,” that means they have been saved from life outside the Kingdom. A person enters God’s Kingdom and His care-filled rule through faith in Jesus.

The first man discovers God by accident.

The second man discovers God not by accident, but absolutely on purpose.

But they both know treasure when they see it.



they liquidate their lives not as sacrificial worship, but as people wise enough to know what they are looking at.

“But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord” (Phil 3:7–8).

A Christian isn’t someone who is quietly sacrificing a little bit of their life for some hoped-for heavenly payoff: a Christian is someone who by accident or by quest has laid their eyes and ears upon a treasure of such surpassing worth NOW, that the joyful liquidation of their former lives is the only thing that makes sense!

The Kingdom of heaven is like a person who finds the literal and actual treasure that is God, and has the value of everything else instantly recalculated, reinvested, and repurposed so they might obtain Him, and He us.

