



**WELCOME**



Small Group Sunday  
Next Week



# Care Fund



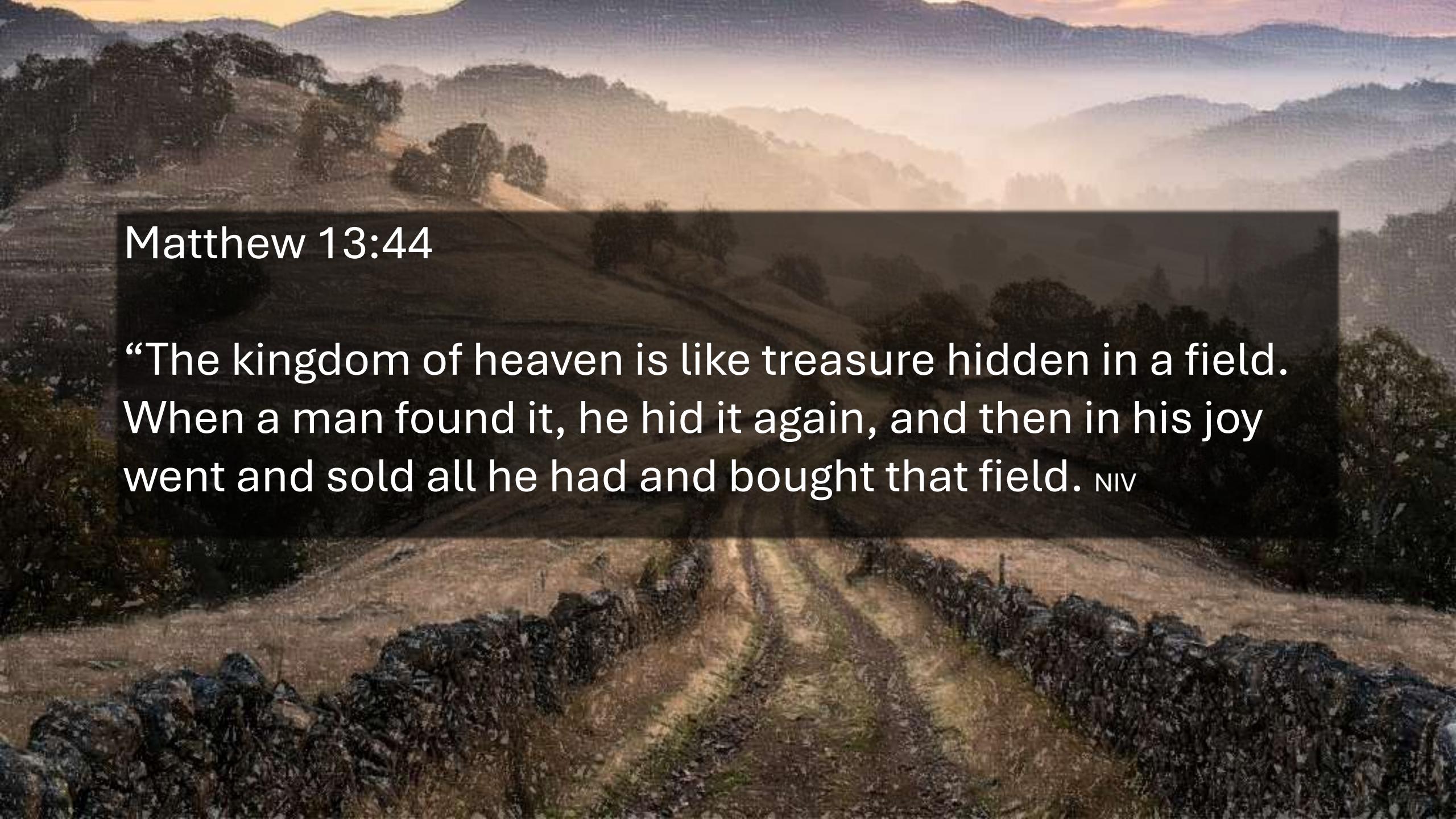
# JESUS' PARABLES

-stories that teach-

A scenic landscape featuring rolling hills covered in green and brown vegetation. A dirt road winds its way through the hills, leading towards a small car parked in the distance. The sky is clear and blue, with a few wispy clouds. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

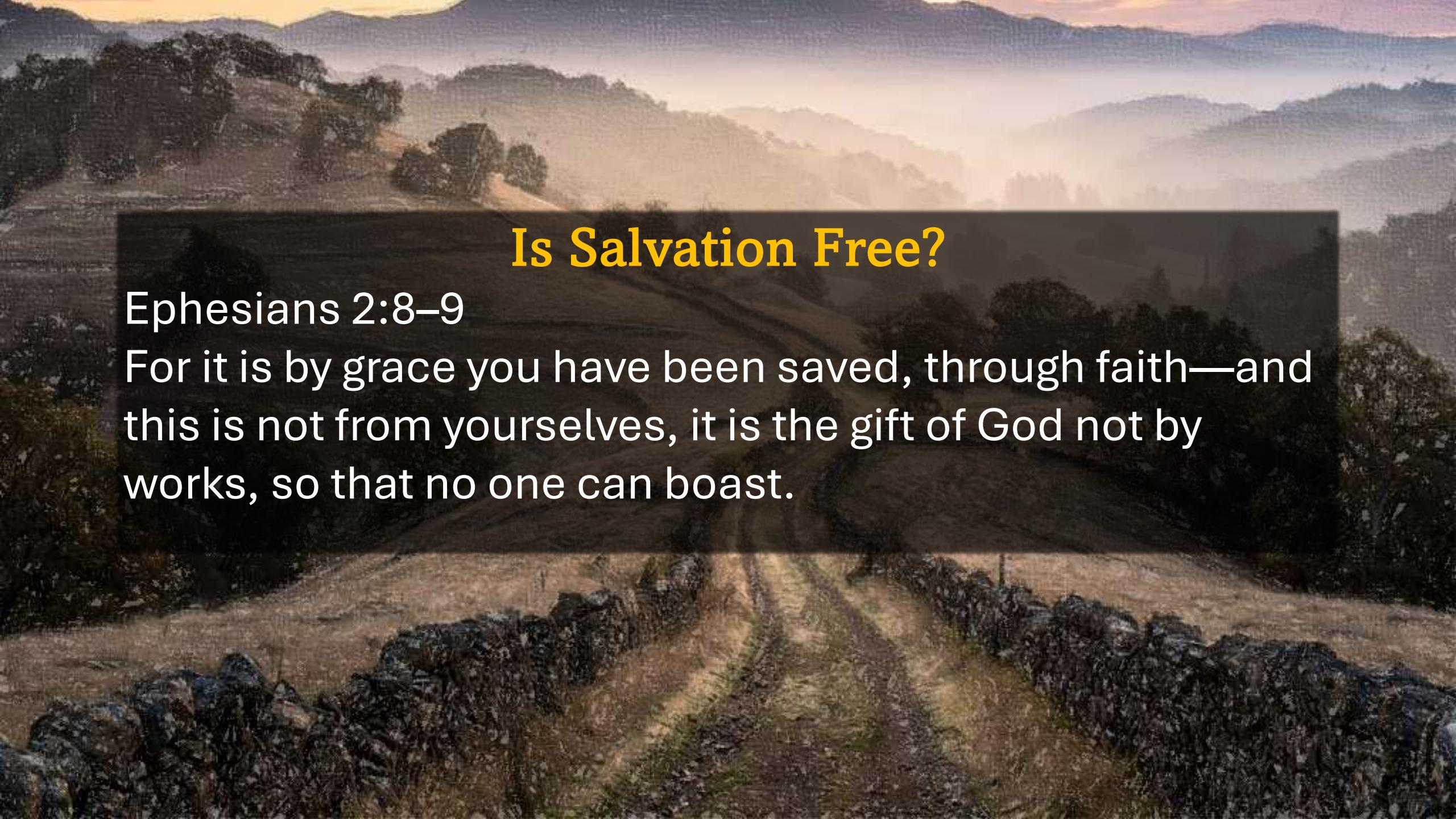
# Hidden Treasure





Matthew 13:44

“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. NIV



## Is Salvation Free?

Ephesians 2:8–9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast.

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# The Treasure of God's Kingdom

Does selling it all to “buy the field” seem worth it to you?

