

Family TableTalk

Conversation 37

What Do You Treasure?

read

Matthew 6:19-24

think

Adversity always reveals what we value the most.

We are creatures of comfort. We live in an “Insta-everything” world. No one likes change.

But, the COVID-19 pandemic impacts every part of our lives. For the past two months we’ve stayed at home together. We’ve transformed kitchens and dining rooms into offices and classrooms. We’ve shed tears over lost sports seasons, canceled proms and postponed grad parties.

All of us are searching for our identity. We want to be fully known, accepted and loved. As sinners, we often find our sense of worth in our accomplishments, or in the opinions of others. We treasure these items because we incorrectly let them define us.

Jesus is always brutally, yet lovingly, honest with us. He knows us completely, and he knows what we desire the most. This is why his words cut us to the core, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21).

What do you treasure? Finding your identity in your accomplishments or in the opinions of others will only weigh you down like an anchor wrapped around your neck. You cannot serve two masters. You will end up hating one and loving the other.

So, lay up treasure in heaven where nothing can ever destroy it. Find the grace, mercy and forgiveness that Jesus offers to you each day and choose to live in this freedom to be the person God created you to be in His image. Choose to live in light of eternity.

apply

- What is your most treasured possession? What makes it valuable?
- What words do you use to describe yourself? Are they accurate?
- How do your treasures compare when you think about living your life in view of eternity? What proactive steps can you take to make any changes in your priorities?

pray

Father in heaven, we confess that so often our treasure lies in earthly things that carry no eternal value. Change our hearts, O God. Help us to remember that our value rests in being your adopted, beloved children. Empower us to live our lives in view of eternity. You are our hope, joy, and peace today and forevermore. Amen.

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