

[SERMON NOTES]

There is great _____ in faithful _____.

What's It Worth to You? (Matthew 13:45-46, Philippians 1:12-26, Galatians 2:20)

Your _____ to Christ will encourage _____ to do the same.

Complacency _____ our faith.

Great is the for _____ over complacency.

[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

[MY STORY]

What are the most prized possessions you own? Why are these so valuable to you?

We learned this weekend that sometimes we *undervalue* our faith compared to other aspects of life. Do you find this to be true of yourself? What might be things you value more than faith at times?

[DIGGING DEEPER]

There's a saying that "one man's trash is another man's treasure." Kind of an odd saying, don't you think? While that may apply to old furniture or keepsakes, it is not the case with our faith in Jesus. In some ways, it's the opposite! *Read the passages below and make a few notes about the value of faith described:*

Galatians 2:19-21

Luke 14:25-35

John 3:27-36

While we all could agree we have *undervalued* our faith, we would be hard pressed to ever *overvalue* our faith. So, in some ways, we can never be over-committed to Jesus. *Why do you think we undervalue our commitment to Jesus?*

How do we show commitment in life? For each of the areas below, come up with a few ways of how you show commitment:

Family:

Faith (church, personal walk, etc.):

Finances/job:

Friends:

Future plans/dreams:

Now, take a moment to ***honestly*** rank the areas above 1 thru 5 of which get the most and best commitment from you and what gets the least consistent or concerted commitment.

What did you rank at #1 - and why?

What area(s) do you think are lower than they ought to be?

Take a moment to read *Matthew 13:44-46*.

What is striking to you about these parables Jesus tells?

With these parables in mind and the list you created above, what value needs to be higher and your commitment more clear in your life?

[TAKING IT HOME]

For your answer above, write out 3 *commitments* for the next 3 months to help raise the value of that area. *Ex: I am committed to attending church every Sunday through Easter, no matter what.*

Commitment 1:

Commitment 2:

Commitment 3: