

SERMON NOTES

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Buried Hearts and Buried Treasure

BECOMING CHRISTLIKE

BEING [HEART], THINKING [MIND] & DOING [BODY]

[A PERSONAL REFLECTION]

Conviction of a Disciple:

A disciple lives with surrendered trust—believing that everything we have belongs to God and learning to build eternal treasure through love, generosity, and hospitality of heart.

OVERVIEW

Jesus calls us to a surrendered trust that loosens our grip on what we cannot keep, so we might receive what will last forever. Like the rich young ruler, we are invited to trade security for freedom and ownership for love. Our treasure reveals our heart, and our heart will always follow what we treasure most. True discipleship means trusting that everything we have already belongs to God—and learning to build eternal treasure through generosity, hospitality, and love.

ACTION

Step 1: What are you currently gripping too tightly that might be limiting your trust in God?

Step 2: Where could generosity or hospitality become a spiritual practice for you this week?

Step 3: How might surrender open you to deeper freedom and joy in Christ?

THOUGHT

SCRIPTURE: Mark 10:17–27; Matthew 6:19–21

When the famous Scottish missionary, David Livingstone, died, something odd happened: His friends sent his body home to England, but they buried his heart beneath a tree in the soil of Africa—the land he loved, the place he had poured his life into. In making this somewhat strange decision, they beautifully reflected, *“His body belongs to England, but his heart belongs here.”*

It’s a haunting image, isn’t it? The body in one place, the heart in another. It forces a question we can’t ignore: *Where is my heart buried?*

Jesus said, *“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”* Our treasure—the things we hold, protect, dream about, spend on, and cling to—like gravity, draws our heart in its direction. Whatever we value most will eventually claim our affection. The tragedy of the rich young ruler (Mark 10:17–27) is not that he was wealthy, but that his heart had already been buried in the wrong soil. His treasure was in his own hands, rather than in the hands of God.

Surrendering to Christ and His way of eternal life is not a loss, as some might think, but rather it is a full relocation of the heart. It’s the decision to move the centre of gravity from self to Christ. We cannot follow Jesus while dragging our treasure behind us. The journey of a disciple is making a daily decision about where our heart will rest. When we give Him what we hold most tightly—our control, our comfort, our possessions, our dreams and desires—we are not losing anything of real worth. We are planting it in new ground, the kind that grows into eternity.

This is where our spiritual formation begins—in the slow unlearning of ownership. We are not rulers of our possessions, but stewards of God’s grace. Every gift, every dollar, every breath already belongs to Him. The illusion of control only keeps us afraid, anxious, and half-alive. But when we loosen our grip, when we live as if everything is already God’s, freedom begins to grow roots in our soul.

This is how Christ is formed in us—not through grand gestures of faith, but through the quiet, daily act of trust. Trust that grows through a generosity that disrupts greed, hospitality that disarms fear, and surrender that lets the heart find rest in its true home.

So maybe the question isn’t, “What do I need to give up?” Maybe instead it’s, “In what soil will I anchor my heart?”

Because in the end, the heart always follows the treasure. And the only treasure that truly lasts is found in the love of Christ—where turning loose becomes gaining and surrender transforms into joy.

DISCUSSION

[A GROUP REFLECTION]

- 1) How does viewing your possessions as God's rather than your own reshape your priorities?
- 2) What does "treasure in heaven" practically look like in your daily life?
- 3) How can your community model a surrendered trust together?

PRAYER

Lord,
Everything we have is Yours. Free us from the illusion of ownership and the fear of lack. Teach us to trust You with our whole lives, to live open-handed and open-hearted. Form us into people who build eternal treasure—through love, generosity, and the hospitality of Christ.
Amen.