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“The Kingdom of God is like the treasure
hidden in the field” (Matthew 13:44)



In today's global world, people are suspicious of everything around them; therefore, risk-taking is costly and is viewed as a courageous step whenever someone considers acquiring resources or making significant decisions in life. When I decided to become a religious sister, I faced considerable opposition from some family members who confronted me and asked if I was crazy.

I took a risk and bravely chose to follow the will of God, which has brought me joy. Deep down, I was convinced, “This is a hidden treasure.” Today's readings point to the pleasure and joy in acquiring the hidden treasure and the priceless pearl that is in the hidden field, which is the kingdom of God, where those who give it priority can give up everything to acquire it, as it surpasses all earthly possessions. When we detach ourselves from earthly treasures, we live a life of freedom. We are fully transformed to be attached to the living treasure that illumines our heart with contagious radiance and spreads to others who experience our love and compassion.

In freedom, we choose heavenly treasure and live according to the will of God, which is the source of true joy. Just as Matt 16:26 states, “For what can a man profit if he gains the whole world and loses his soul?” It is worthwhile to seek the kingdom of God and live according to God's will, which brings fulfillment to our lives. Even as we navigate

difficult moments, we learn to submit to the will of God. We are called to let the transformative power of God reign in us, so that, like Moses, our faces become radiant even when we face challenging times, for God has control over our lives since we surrender to Him everything.

By living authentic lives, we become proclaimers of God's kingdom, and our radiance spreads to all people like fragrance that touches others, who, too, realize the source of true joy. Only in God, like Moses, do our faces become radiant when we approach Him, leading to transformation. People see the radiance in us because He is the source of all light; we become enlightened, allowing others to see our glow. Am I an example to others by radiating the love of Christ in my life? What value have I placed on encountering God, and am I ready to sacrifice for the kingdom of God? How am I living my transformative life, and in what ways am I impacting others with that radiance?

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