

Lectio Divina

- > Read and re-read, out loud and slowly the Gospel
 - > Meditate on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life
 - > Pray - Thanksgiving - Repentance - Petition
 - > Action - Attitude (Call to change / to act / to do)
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July 30th 2017 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A - Matthew 13: 44 - 52

In this week's gospel we read about the Kingdom of heaven as a treasure hidden in a field, in exchange for which a man is prepared to sell everything because of the joy that it brings. The 'Kingdom of heaven' is a biblical expression which means 'What happens when God is really King'. Another way of looking at it is 'growing spiritually or getting closer to God'.

What treasure have you obtained when you allowed God to be the centre of your life?

Prayer:

Thank you Lord for our conversion experiences when we met someone we could trust or went on a retreat or spiritual seminar. Up until then we were living scattered lives. Now that we have discovered a pearl of great value we are at peace.

Forgive us Lord for writing off people as if there was nothing good in them instead of letting you be the judge. You are the only one who has the right to judge as you created us all as good people.

Help us Lord to keep our faith in you because as you said "we only need Faith the size of a mustard seed to move mountains". These mountains are often negative thoughts which block the flow of positive energy and beliefs.

