

+WEEKLY SERMON

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“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”

Matthew 6:21

This week's Gospel reading brings us to one of Jesus' most searching questions: What do you treasure? What truly holds your heart?

Last month, our family took our caravan up to North Yorkshire. The scenery was stunning—rolling hills, open skies, and the kind of peace you only find away from the city. On our second day, we set out on a cycle route at Sutton Bank. The views were breathtaking, and the ride itself was pure joy. Even our eight-year-old, who sometimes finds it hard to push himself, was beaming. It felt like a gift - time together, laughter, beauty all around.

But when we returned to the car, it wouldn't start. Suddenly, all my thoughts were about that car: How will we get home? How will I get to work? I love this car! I was devastated. The RAC man arrived, diagnosed a flat battery, and soon enough we were back at the caravan site. But I was still grumbling.

My wife gently pointed out that all I could talk about was the car. I'd stopped noticing the joy of the day - the adventure, the views, the time with family, even the delicious lunch we'd shared.

I realised I'd been clinging to a broken treasure. My heart was tangled up in something temporary, and I'd lost sight of the gifts God had placed right in front of me. Jesus' words in Matthew 6 remind us that our true treasure isn't found in things that rust or break down. Our treasure is in the love we share, the beauty we witness, and most of all, in knowing Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

It's not wrong to value what we have. But let's remember: all these things are temporary. The main thing is to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and the heavenly reward he offers. When our hearts are set on him, we see every moment - even the frustrating ones - as a chance to discover joy, gratitude, and hope.

So, this week may we all ask: Where is my treasure? And may we find our hearts drawn ever closer to the One who gives us life, love, and lasting joy.

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