

We look again this week at Jesus parables. Again, the parables remind us certainly of the dangers of walking away from the kingdom. Like any story of love there is no doubt there is a choice. We can choose His love or not, the choice is ours and certainly the consequence of not, is eternally devastating to say the least.

But as we read the parables of the last three weeks at Sunday Mass there is very much a positive side that we are called to contemplate. When God is allowed to operate the results are incredible. It is a harvest that is beyond what we could imagine or this Sunday it is a haul that produces things we could never have expected.

Yes, the call to vocation is demanding, it is a jealous God who wants us to respond to His loving - when we do, the treasure is beyond belief. It is like finding the perfect pearl in a junk shop. It does demand of us to be open to Holy Spirit as He operates in our Church, our families, our work place the places where we socialise. It demands we hear God in our prayer, the teachings of the Church, and are open to His presence in its scriptures and sacraments.

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