

The Pearl of Great Price: *Blake Bergstrom*

The word *parable* comes from the greek word *parabole* which means _____.

Matthew 13:10-13¹⁰The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?" ¹¹He replied, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. ¹²Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. ¹³This is why I speak to them in parables: "Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand."

Matthew 13:35 So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world."

What is truth _____ to you?

Story #1: The Chronicle of Josiah

2 Kings 22:1-2 ¹Josiah was eight years old when he became king. ²He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and walked in all the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left.

- He was just a little kid, yet he was _____ in his beliefs.

2 Kings 23:1-2 ¹Then the king called together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. ²He went up to the temple of the Lord with the men of Judah, the people of Jerusalem, the priests and the prophets-all the people from the least to the greatest. He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the Lord.

- After Josiah learned the _____, everything had to change.

THE _____ WAS LOST IN THE TEMPLE!

Story #2: The Chronicle of the Man in Search of a Pearl

Matthew 13:45-46 ⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

Are you daring enough to allow the truth to change you?