## ~ RADIANT REFLECTIONS ~

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." – Matthew 6:21 NKJV

## **Treasure**

Something of great worth or value ~

During a recent gathering
Matthew shared with us the
importance of laying up our
treasures in heaven – Matt. 6:19-21.
For each person that treasure looks
different — but, holds no less value.
Our treasures change, and take
different shapes, as we journey

through the gift of life.

I am thankful that we are never alone: God has graciously given us a road map, — the Bible —to illuminate our path.

When I

read God's words I hear them spoken softly, intently, passionately, and love filled. How we hear God speaking to us makes all the difference in the world.

I hear Him saying "this treasure isn't healthy for you to own anymore — hand it over to me. I can lighten your load." His words are marinated with extravagant love. His love makes it easy for me to give Him anything He asks for — because I trust Him. It does not

mean it isn't painful at times, but I trust Him with even the pain.

This kind of childlike trust is not natural for many — if not — most of us. Life's journey has marred our hearts with injury, abuse, pain, and scars, along the way. Maybe we can't see Him because we have 'safely' tucked our souls behind our

fortress of self-preservation?

I believe
He wants us to know His extravagant love in a new way. He is extending his hand to help us let go of treasures that

"I REMIND MYSELF THAT ALL THESE
TOYS WERE NEVER INTENDED TO
POSSESS MY HEART THAT MY TRUE
GOOD IS IN ANOTHER WORLD, AND
MY ONLY REAL TREASURE IS
CHRIST. AND PERHAPS, BY GOD'S
GRACE, I SUCCEED, AND FOR A DAY
OR TWO BECOME A CREATURE
CONSCIOUSLY DEPENDENT ON GOD
AND DRAWING ITS STRENGTH FROM
THE RIGHT SOURCES." – C.S. LEWIS

may keep our hearts captive.

As we enter the Christmas season may we be attentive to treasures He is gently asking us to surrender. Not because He wants the things we hold most precious — but, because he wants us. He wants to extravagantly love us and make His way to our hearts without the clutter of our earthy treasures. May we all experience a new depth of His extravagant love this season.

## PRAY FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES

Since the start of the Syrian civil war four years ago, 12 million people have fled their homes in Syria, and 4 million Syrians—a fifth of the population—have fled the country as refugees.

Countries like Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, and Egypt have opened their borders to a majority of the Syrian refugee populations.

Let us pray for Syrian refugees and those who are the faces of compassion to them.

As the world works on the logistics of such a refugee crisis; Samaritan's Purse ministry teams are stationed on the frontlines in Greece. Teams are, working to be a "face of compassion" for refugees fleeing war and terror and a war torn country.

Learn more at http://www.samaritansp urse.org/disaster/refug ee-crisis-in-europe/m

