

# A TRELLIS FOR LIFE

**MATTHEW 13:44-46 - ERIC SIMPSON - JANUARY 8, 2017**

trellis = structure that helps plants get off the ground and grow upward

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*<sup>44</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. <sup>45</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. <sup>46</sup>When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it."*

➤ **Recognition of value** (Who do you want to be?)

➤ **Reorientation of life** (How do you want to live so you can be who you want to be?)

"Put first things first, and second things are thrown in. Put second things first, and you lose both first and second things." - C.S. Lewis

"When was the last time you felt it—your own longing, that is? Your longing for love, your longing for God, your longing to live your life as it is meant to be lived in God? When was the last time you felt a longing for healing and fundamental change groaning within you? Don't rush past this question; it may be the most important question you ever ask."

- Ruth Haley Barton

**What are the practices, experiences, and relationships that help me live in step with who God has called & created me to be?**

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Annually

Common elements = Scripture, prayer, silence & solitude, Sabbath, corporate worship, stewardship