

# Speaking to the Soul



## **August 26 - Treasure**

“Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.” Matthew 6:20–21

What matters most to you in your life? It could be any number of things – your family, possessions, relationships, career, hobby, sport, reputation, political convictions or your faith. Jesus was highlighting that whatever matters most to you will shape the way in which you live. It is vital that you fix your sights on something that will last. Remember, most

things about this life are temporary. Our possessions are a blessing to us because they are part of God's gift to us, but they have a short shelf life. They are either attacked by moths and rust or could be stolen. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus encouraged his followers to keep their eyes fixed on the kingdom of heaven because that will last for ever.

I have always been inspired by the story of Jim Elliot. He was determined to share the good news of Jesus with the Auca Indians in Ecuador. They lived, and continue to live, totally separate from wider society and speak a language that is not related to any other known language. But Jim was not put off by this or by their savage reputation. He and his four missionary colleagues seemed to be establishing an increasingly warm relationship with the tribe but in February 1955 they were all murdered by ten tribesmen. Jim was 29 years old. Some years before that Jim had reflected on the dangers of the ministry in which he was engaged and wrote: "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain that which he cannot lose." Jim knew where his treasure was. Our lives may look very different from his, but it is still the key question for us.

## **QUESTION**

What do you treasure most?

## **PRAYER**

Loving Father, help me to seek your kingdom before anything else.