

Jesus: Unending Treasure

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Nearby our home is an elaborate corn maze. When my older son joined me for the maze, it did not take long to realize we were not going to make it. Not only was it hard, the reward for finishing was insignificant: a piece of candy (not even good candy — Smarties of all things). Not surprisingly, we gave up, took an emergency exit, and called it a day.

The Apostle Paul had a much greater tolerance for discomfort. He suffered greatly and yet tells the Ephesians to “...not be discouraged because of my sufferings for you...” (Ephesians 3:13).

Paul also had a much greater motivation. In describing preaching about Jesus, Paul said he gets to preach “the boundless riches of Christ” (3:8). “Boundless riches” can paint the picture of a labyrinth or maze. It describes riches that no matter how hard or long you search, you can never come to the end of them. The maze yields more and more treasure and never ends.

How might our view of life and suffering change if our vision of Jesus were one of boundless riches and life were an unending treasure hunt in pursuit of Jesus?

