



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING THE RIPPLE EFFECT...

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## **SOAP READING—March 25, 2010**

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**S:** Matthew 13:44-46

**O:** In both situations, the men sold everything they owned – I can't even imagine selling EVERYTHING I own, maybe some things, but I'd want to hold onto some things like my wedding ring, my children's photos and my dogs (this is of course is only my possessions, not the people important to me). There is no mention of these guys hesitating, waiting awhile to make a list of pros and cons, looking at their budget – they just did it because they knew that what they had found was SO worth it. Some rewards are worth sacrificing everything and following God is definitely the most worthwhile reward.

**A:** I know that I do not have to sell everything to follow God, but what can I sacrifice to further His kingdom? What am I willing to do without so that someone else can know the joy that I do, can experience the forgiveness and love that God has to offer?

**P:** God, you are truly amazing, and worth giving everything up for, after all you did that very same thing for me, didn't you? What can I offer up, what can I do without so that more people can know you, know what you have to offer, know what a reward you are? Lord, help me to see what I can do without, so that I can help further your kingdom. Amen.