



## Undeclared Underrated – Pt. 10

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#### MESSAGE SUMMARY

This week's Undeclared Underrated message is about how God places divine treasures within flawed human containers. The key to unlocking miracles and receiving from God is learning to look past people's containers (their flaws) to honor and extract the treasure (God's content) within them. This week, we will learn to be "treasure hunters" in our relationships, choosing to honor the treasure rather than focusing on the container. Let's get started!

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### 1. God Places Great Content in Not-So-Great Containers

- Everyone has both container issues and divine content. The goal isn't perfection but releasing the treasure within.
- **Scripture:** 2 Cor. 4:7-10
- **Discussion Questions:**
  1. Share about a time when you saw God work powerfully through someone despite their obvious flaws.
  2. How does this principle help us understand why God chooses to work through flawed people?

### 2. We Must Become Master Excavators and Treasure Hunters

- We must approach difficult relationships with a treasure hunter mindset rather than focusing on what annoys you about their container.
- **Discussion Questions:**
  1. What does "treasure hunting" and excavating look like practically in your relationships (marriage, family, or friendships)?
  2. How can we develop the skill of looking past people's containers to find their treasures?
  3. Who in your life requires you to do some "dirt removal" to access their treasure?

### 3. God Operates Through the Principle of Representation

- We must expect God to work through ordinary people in our daily lives, not just "special" ministers or leaders.
- **Scripture:** Matt. 13:44; 2 Cor. 5:16-17
- **Discussion Questions:**
  1. How does understanding that "God sends a person" to meet your needs change how you view the people around you?
  2. How might your perceptions limit what God wants to do through others?

### 4. How We Regard Others Determines What We Receive

- To excavate the treasure in those around us, we must practice intentional honor in our interactions, then look for and call out their treasure in others.
- **Scripture:** Matt. 10:40-42
- **Discussion Questions:**
  1. How has a disrespectful or judgmental attitude prevented you from receiving what God wanted to give you through someone?
  2. What is one practical step you can take to honor people around you more effectively?

### CONCLUSION & CHALLENGE:

The days of personality-driven ministry are shifting. God has distributed His treasures throughout the body of Christ, not just in a few select individuals. Your breakthrough, healing, or blessing may come through the person sitting next to you if you learn to regard them properly. This week, let's practice being "treasure hunters" and see what happens!

**This Week's Challenge:** *(Choose 2-3 actions to implement)*

1. **Practice Intentional Honor:** Like Pastor Carpenter's restaurant example, learn someone's name and honor them as a person, not just their function.
2. **Treasure Hunt Mission:** Identify one person whose "container" bothers you. Pray specifically for God to show you their treasure and take steps to honor it.
3. **Release Your Treasure:** Stop hiding behind your container issues. Find practical ways to serve others with your gifts this week.
4. **Adjust Your Regard:** Before difficult conversations or interactions, remind yourself to look for content, not just container.
5. **Serve on a Dream Team:** Consider how God is calling you to use your treasure for His kingdom through serving others.

**Closing Declaration:** " *There's a treasure in me! I will honor the treasure in others and release my treasure for God's kingdom!*"