



Uncovering Treasure

I appreciate the online shopping feature that allows you to 'Look Inside' the pages of a book before purchasing. Some covers are elegant, well-designed and catchy. They draw me in instantly. Others are rather lackluster, giving no hint what treasure might be held in their pages. But if the adage is true that you can't judge a book by its cover, if you don't explore further, you might miss something wonderful, something important - even something life-changing.

While camping with friends, my son, Asher, had a chance to chop some logs for firewood. One of the logs, likely poplar, produced the most beautiful stripes of color inside - tans, pinks and even a saturated purple. One would never have guessed what was on the inside by looking at the ordinary exterior of the wood.

Later, a rock, thrown against a boulder in a frightened attempt to manage a particularly menacing creature, split open to reveal glimmering quartzite. It was just an ordinary-looking gray rock Asher would have walked past. Had it not been for his desperate need and resulting action, he would never have seen this rock's hidden beauty.

As you spend time this quarter in God's Word, I pray that the Holy Spirit will reveal to you beautiful and life-changing truths tucked inside its pages - made known in new ways as you take the time to absorb what the Scripture passages and writers have to say. Learn from the context and the big picture; marvel at details that might have eluded you in the past.

Proverbs 24:21 says, "By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures."

May your daily engagement with Scripture deepen your wisdom, understanding and knowledge, and may you discover your own rare and beautiful treasures.

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