PEARLS from PARALEE

Pearls, those beautiful, lustrous, valuable gems, start as a source of irritation that gets into the oyster. Slowly, layer by layer, the oyster covers the irritation with a soothing, milky liquid which, over time, forms a precious pearl.

The Bible tells us in I Peter 4:8 "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins." Is there someone in your life who is a "source of irritation"? Cover that one, little by little, layer by layer, with the love of Jesus until all can see -- not the irritation -- but the beauty and value of a life redeemed and transformed by the love of Jesus.

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