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Shohei Ohtani is an extremely talented Major League Baseball player for the Los Angeles Angels. Ohtani, originally from Japan, is setting records both as a batter and a pitcher this year. And he is nearing a time of free agency, when the pocketbooks of many MLB team owners are expected to come all the way open. Los Angeles Dodgers' player Freddie Freeman calls Ohtani a "unicorn" whose new contract may shatter the previous high amount of over \$426 million. Several people have suggested the new deal could reach \$600 million. When asked what he would pay to sign Ohtani if he were an owner, Baltimore Orioles' center-fielder Austin Hays said, "As much money as I have. I'm giving him everything that I've got."

WORTH EVERYTHING YOU OWN

Today's passage includes some striking parables in which Jesus urged believers to value the kingdom of heaven so dearly that they would be willing to give everything away in order to obtain it. Others may not understand it, but he or she is no fool who uses what is temporary to obtain what is eternal and who trades earthly belongings for heavenly treasure.

1. If you could own any sports team in the world, what would it be, and why?
2. When have you realized that you would pay everything you owned to gain, change, purchase, or prevent something?
3. How can we live out our commitment to the kingdom over the things of this life?

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