

YOU ARE VALUABLE

As you read this I trust you can sense the anointing of the Holy Spirit. These words cannot become revelation knowledge to you until the Spirit imparts the inspiration for what He wants to say to you through this ministry letter. It is my prayer that something said will speak to you and draw you into a closer relationship with your Heavenly Father.

I was in a meeting recently and observed so many hurting people seeking answers to life's circumstances. I could not help but be moved. I wanted to take them in my arms and comfort them and solve their problems for them. But you know as well as I that could not be done.

As I listened to my heart for the word to share with you today, I heard this instruction:

“TELL MY PEOPLE HOW MUCH I LOVE THEM AND HOW VALUABLE THEY ARE TO ME.”

What an assignment!

I do not know the circumstances you are facing this very minute but I know One who does, of that you can be certain. In these last days Satan is initiating assault after assault to try and wear out, or weary the saints all in an attempt to get you to give up and say “What’s the use?” But God’s love for you will never change. In fact, there is nothing you can do to make God love you any more than He does already. So, then just how much does God love us?

FOR GOD SO LOVED... THAT HE GAVE.

God’s love can only be measured by His giving. God loves you so much that He gave His ALL. Notice what Paul said in Romans 8:32,

“He spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”

He gave us His love unconditionally, and in return all He wants is for us to have faith in Him and to bring Him pleasure. The closer I draw near to Him, the more I learn how much His heart is yearning to reveal his love to us.

When such unconditional love is bestowed upon someone, the object of that love becomes valuable. It is awesome to think of the value God has placed upon us that He would go as far as to number the hairs of our head. You are so valuable to Him that He paid the ransom to buy you back (redeem) from the hand of the enemy. That ransom was not paid with silver or gold but with the precious blood of Jesus Christ. The very life of God!

I am reminded of the story of the preacher who went to a Midwestern city to conduct a revival. Leaving the train station, the minister headed for the church which was some distance from the station so he decided to ride the trolley car. Reaching into his pocket he found he had only six pennies and it cost seven to ride the trolley. Since he did not have the seventh penny, he continued to walk toward his destination. As he walked along he began to notice the people riding in their nice cars and smoking their big cigars. The preacher began to question God. "Lord, here are all these people who are not serving you riding in their cars and riding the trolley and here I am, your servant, that has come to preach a revival in this city and I don't even have seven pennies to ride the trolley, why God?" As he continued walking with his head bowed and tears trickling down his face he noticed that at his feet laid a dead sparrow. The words of Jesus suddenly rose up within him,

"...and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father." Matthew 10:29

Those words pierced his heart and he said, "I know what I will do. I will take this sparrow that God saw fall to the ground and I will preach its funeral and give it a decent burial." When he reached down and picked up the dead sparrow, his Heavenly Father's love began to dawn on him, for underneath the sparrow lay the seventh penny. **"YOU ARE MORE VALUABLE THAN MANY SPARROWS"** began to ring in his heart as he made his way to the revival.

God has the seventh penny for you also. When the devil tries to make you doubt God's love for you, just remember this; every person in the four gospels that came to Jesus believing and was diligent, not one of them left disappointed. Jesus will do the same for you. ***For neither death, nor life, nor***

angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

Please, be encouraged and allow the Holy Spirit (the Great Teacher of the Church) to help you comprehend and fully know the love of Christ which passes all knowledge and understanding.

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