KNOWING YOUR WORTH

You are worth more than what you have lost, what you have experienced, or what life and circumstances have made you believe. One of life's greatest tragedies is not necessarily losing something valuable. It is losing something valuable without knowing how valuable it was. You can possess something precious and treat it as ordinary because you don't understand its worth. You can carry greatness and live in mediocrity. And it is possible to be chosen by God and still let people's opinions determine how you see yourself.

Some people have adjusted to conditions God never intended to define their lives. Some have abandoned their God-given assignments because disappointment convinced them that they have nothing meaningful to offer.
You cannot fully appreciate the necessity of restoration, pursue recovery with conviction, or embrace renewal with determination until you understand the value of what God originally created you to be. By the grace of God, you will rediscover your worth, recover what has been lost, and rise into the fullness of God's purpose for your life in Jesus' name.

YOUR WORTH BEGINS WITH YOUR CREATOR, NOT YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES.

The first truth I want you to understand today is that your worth originates from God. God did not wait for you to achieve success before granting you dignity. God established your dignity, influence, and potential before you had a chance to celebrate any achievement. That means your fundamental worth isn't determined by your bank account, academic qualifications, or other people's approval. Your worth is rooted in being created in God's image.

Genesis 1:26-27

Here are three truths about your God-given worth.

1. Your worth is inherent, not earned.

You do not become valuable only when you get married, have children, or build a successful business around the world. You are valuable because God created you with dignity and purpose.

Psalm 139:14

2. Your worth is not canceled by adversity.

I want you to know that whatever you are going through cannot cancel your worth. Job lost possessions, children, health, and social standing, yet his suffering did not erase his identity before God. Joseph was betrayed by his own brothers, wrongly accused, and went to prison, but all these did not erase his worth before God. Job and Joseph's circumstances changed, but their worth according to their Creator did not. Your circumstances can change, but your worth before God cannot change.

3. Your worth carries responsibility.
Your worth is more than any material things. It carries responsibility.

Because of your worth, God blessed you and has entrusted you with responsibility. When you understand your worth, it will produce gratitude. In the sense that you are God's image on earth to function as His ambassador. As God's ambassador on earth, you carry the authority of God's kingdom. Knowing your worth will also produce stewardship, humility, and purposeful living.

Genesis 1:28

Saints, listen to me. You may have lost your job, possessions, suffered rejection, failures, and betrayal, but you have not lost your God-given worth, and failure is not your identity. Your situation describes what you are going through; it does not define everything you can become through God's grace.

THE VALUE OF YOUR WORTH IS REVEALED BY WHAT YOU ARE WILLING TO GIVE FOR IT.

God understood your worth; He gave His only begotten Son for you.

John 3:16

The cross reveals both the seriousness of our sin and God's extraordinary love and mercy. God did not wait until you became righteous before demonstrating His love. He did not wait until you became spiritually perfect.

He loved you in your fallen condition and provided redemption through Jesus Christ because He recognized your worth. To God, you are worth more than all things He created. Without you, God's efforts in creation would be a loss to His kingdom. So, He gave up the best in His kingdom for you.

Brothers and sisters, your life has eternal significance. Don't reduce your worth to what another person is willing to give or call you. Don't allow rejection or what is going on in your life to convince you that you are worthless. And don't measure your worth by what you possess.

Because your life has eternal significance, you must be willing to give things of eternal significance. Such as unconditional love for God and everything related to God. You must love people unconditionally and follow peace with everyone. You must be willing to follow and serve God faithfully. Obey God's word unconditionally.

KNOWING YOUR WORTH WILL CHANGE WHAT YOU ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT.

Daniel was living in Babylon, far from his homeland. His environment had changed. His circumstances and position had changed, too. But he understood that he could not surrender his covenant faithfulness to God just because of his condition. He decided to please and honor God.

Daniel 1:8

When you know your worth in God,

1. You will not compromise your faithful conviction simply to gain acceptance.
2. You will not exchange your integrity for temporary opportunity.
3. You will not allow the opinions of people to become more authoritative than God's Word
4. You will not treat sin as an acceptable substitute for God's blessing
5. You will recognize that your body, mind, time, substance, gifts, and opportunities are entrusted to you for faithful stewardship.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Knowing your worth should change what you pursue, what you are willing to sacrifice, and what you refuse to surrender. A person who understands their identity in Christ will not knowingly trade eternal values for temporary applause.

FIVE DANGERS OF NOT KNOWING YOUR WORTH.

1. It will cause you to settle for less than God has for you

Sometimes, because of circumstances, the Israelites longed to return to Egypt **(Numbers 14:1-4).** They remember the familiar conditions of captivity rather than trusting God's promises. Fear can make bondage appear safer than the responsibilities of freedom.

2. You can easily allow people to determine your value.

Galatians 1:10 warns against living primarily to please people rather than serving Christ. **Galatians 1:10 (KJV): "For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ."** When people's approval becomes your identity, rejection becomes your prison.

3. You will abandon your assignment prematurely.

Jeremiah initially considered his youth a limitation to his calling. **(Jeremiah 1:6-8)**. But thank God for mercy. God directed his attention toward divine calling and presence. Trying to follow anything contrary to your worth will lead you to fight what God ordained you to be. Be careful of things that are conveniently available to you.

4. You will fail to recognize what needs restoration

When spiritual decline becomes normal, people stop pursuing growth. (**Rev. 3:17-19).**

God warns that the Laodicean church is spiritually self-deceived and calls it to repentance. When God's things no longer matter to you, nothing remains to remind you what needs to be restored. Because on your own, you feel you have it all wrapped up, or you don't know something is missing in your life.

5. You will underestimate what God can accomplish through your obedience. John 6:9-13. The boy's five loaves and two fish appeared insufficient for the multitude. Yet in Jesus' hands, they became part of a miraculous provision. The lesson here is not that every small thing automatically becomes great, but that what seems insufficient to us is not beyond God's power. Don't despise what God has placed in your hands. Surrender it to Him and allow Him to direct its use.

In conclusion, let me ask you these questions.

- Who told you that you are worthless?
- Was it your past? Your failure? Rejection? Poverty? Disappointment?
- Was it the words of someone who never understood the purpose of your existence?
- Or was it the pain of something you lost?

Whatever has shaped that belief, I want you to return to the Word of God. Your heavenly Father knows what His grace can accomplish in your life. Don't confuse a difficult chapter with the conclusion of your story. Don't confuse your present condition with your permanent identity. You may have lost something valuable, but you have not lost your worth before God. This is your season for restoration. This is your season to pursue and recover according to God's direction. Not because you are sufficient in yourself, but because the God who created you, loves you, and calls you is able to accomplish His purpose through your life.

STUDY NOTES