



Matthew 10:31

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**H**ave you ever wondered if you matter? What determines if you're important? Fashion statements? Being a celebrity? The world sets patterns of worth that are not consistent with who God is. Society values outer things, material things and define what's important based on self-centeredness and popularity. God values each one of us as part of His creation. As with the creation of the universe, everything God creates is good.

Matthew 10:31 says, "*So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.*" (NLT)

In this passage, Jesus is giving some instructions to his disciples as he sends them out on their own. He empowered them for their mission, telling them how valuable they were to the kingdom, more than a flock of sparrows. A sparrow is a common bird, inexpensive, not too valuable to the eyes of man at that time. However, Jesus teaches the disciples that even the sparrows don't go unnoticed in the eyes of God. Consider how many sparrows are in the world, and not one is able to touch the ground without God knowing. That is incredible!

Everyone matters to God. There are almost 8 billion people on earth and God loves each one of us. Jesus teaches the disciples, and us, that God's meaning of worth is different than the world. The disciples needed to know they were important and worth more than they could imagine. Each one has value and purpose in the Kingdom of God. The truth in this passage is that you are valuable to God. You are valuable and loved beyond measure by the creator of the universe, the One who has created you. Don't ever doubt your worth!

After reading Scripture, consider these questions:

- Why do you think the disciples needed to know they were important to God?
- The definition of worth is equivalent to value. What are some of the "voices" in society that speak about what is valuable? How do those voices affect our concept of worth?
- What facts in this passage let us know that the creator of the universe ascribes value to each one of us?
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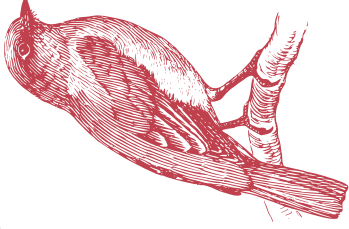
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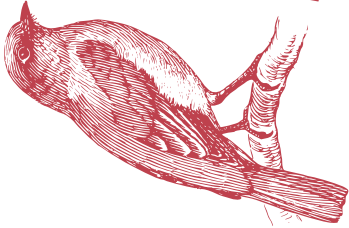
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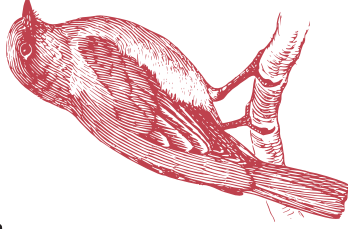
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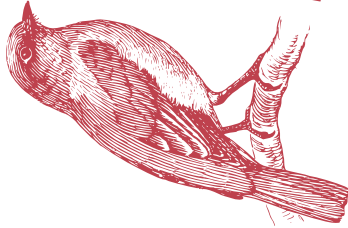
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