“Why God Values Me?”

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Self-worth refers to the inherent value you assign to yourself as a person, regardless of accomplishments, failures, or others' opinions

The intrinsic belief in your own value

Why is it so hard to be obedient?

Obedience challenges :

- our desire for control and autonomy
- our selfish habits and our pride
- our freedom and personal choices
- our belief in our own judgement
- our ability to see the outcome and trust in another

Human nature tends toward self-reliance rather than submission,

it is natural to want our own way

Why is obedience so important in our relationship with God?

1. It demonstrated our love for God
2. Obedience brings blessing
3. It demonstrates faith
4. It demonstrated loyalty

Obedience is not measured by our ability to obey laws and principles; obedience is measured by our response to God's voice

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Hebrews 5:8 KJV

8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered

This does not imply that Jesus was ever disobedient or sinful.

Struggling to obey God is a normal human experience rooted in a desire for control and a lack of complete trust in someone else

Hosea 2:14–17 NIV

14 “Therefore I am now going to allure her; I will lead her into the
wilderness and speak tenderly to her. 15 There I will give her back her
vineyards, and will make the Valley of Achor a door of hope.
There she will respond as in the days of her youth, as in the day she
came up out of Egypt. 16 “In that day,” declares the LORD, “you will
call me ‘my husband’; you will no longer call me ‘my master.’ 17 I will
remove the names of the Baals from her lips; no longer will their
names be invoked.

Hosea 11:8–9 NLT

8 “Oh, how can I give you up, Israel? How can I let you go? How can I
destroy you like Admah or demolish you like Zeboiim? My heart is
torn within me, and my compassion overflows.

9 No, I will not unleash my fierce anger. I will not completely destroy
Israel, for I am God and not a mere mortal. I am the Holy One living
among you, and I will not come to destroy.

So what are we worth to God?

Matthew 13:45–46 KJV

45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking
goodly pearls: 46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price,
went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

So why does God place such value on us?

- He can see that every life He created is worth something
- Because we are His, He created us
- God knows the joy and value of having a son and He wants to call us into sonship
- He wants to be a father to us
- He wants to protect us
- He wants to provide for us
- He wants to save us from the wages of sin which is death – both physical and spiritual death

Christ death on the cross demonstrates two things:

1. His watertight inseparable, eternal union with us

Romans 8:35:38–39 KJV

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
39 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.

Christ's death on the cross demonstrates two things:

2. Our worth

1 Peter 1:18–19 KJV

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible
things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by
tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ,
as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Blemish = original sin

Spot = personal sin

Psalm 107:1 JPS

1‘O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever.’ 2 So let the redeemed of the LORD say, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the adversary.....

Isaiah 30:18 NLT

18 So the LORD must wait for you to come to him
so he can show you his love and compassion.

For the LORD is a faithful God.
Blessed are those who wait for his help.

Revelation 3:20 KJV

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Discussion Questions

1. What determines our sense of self-worth?

2. Why do you think obedience to God can be difficult?

3. How does knowing that God values us change the way we relate to Him?

4. What does the cross tell us about our value to God?

5. Is there an area where God may be asking you to trust Him more fully?

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