

The Honest Truth

The Truth about My Worth & Value

John 3:1-14, 19:38-40

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Value stresses the significance or importance that you place on yourself.

Worth stresses the significance or importance that God places on you.

The miracle occurs when the value you place on yourself aligns with the worth God places on you.

Truth: Your worth rests in the truth that God created you in His image and designed you to work as a member of the church to build His kingdom. Your value is shaped by your relationship with God and what you do with your life for Him.

Nicodemus's Story

- Nicodemus's worth was measured by what he did as a Pharisee. He was well respected and a member of the Jewish ruling council, the Sanhedrin. By contrast, Nicodemus gained influence by what he did while the disciples gained influence by sharing what Jesus did in them.
- Nicodemus was a righteous Pharisee and a well-versed theologian, but he could not understand Jesus's simple teaching on being born again in the kingdom of God. There is a difference between knowing Jesus and experiencing a relationship with Jesus that produces transformation.
- Nicodemus followed all the rules, but we never really know if Nicodemus became a true follower of Christ.

Lessons about My Worth & Value

- The true measure of your worth is not centered on what you do for others but on what God has done for you.
- Your worth should not be tied to what others think of you or what you achieve in life. It should be tied to the truth of what God thinks of you and your value in what you do for Him.
- Don't measure your value and worth by artificial standards you can never reach. Trust God to work in and through you to follow His plan and accomplish His will for your life.

BOTTOM LINE

When you see your worth in what God did by sending Christ to die for your sin and save you from a life of misery and destruction, you will experience the joy of serving God and being used by Him to touch lives for His kingdom.