

Been There—6 When They Take You for Granted

As [Jesus] entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, ¹³crying out, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” Luke 17:12-13 NLT

[Jesus] looked at them and said, “Go show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. ¹⁵One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, “Praise God!” ¹⁶He fell to the ground at Jesus’ feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Jesus asked, “Didn’t I heal ten men? Where are the other nine?” Luke 17:14-17 NLT

3 Things to Remember When You Feel Unseen

1. **How they make you feel is not who you are.**
2. **Those you serve the most, often appreciate you the least.**
3. **What’s unseen by people is often what’s most significant to God.**

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*[Jesus] was teaching in their synagogues, **and everyone praised him.** Luke 4:15 NIV*

*All the people in the synagogue **were furious when they heard this.** ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, **in order to throw him off the cliff.** Luke 4:28-29 NIV*

- **Your value isn’t determined by what others think of you but by who God says you are.**
2. **Those you serve the most, often appreciate you the least.**

“And please remember me and do me a favor when things go well for you. Mention me to Pharaoh, so he might let me out of this place. ¹⁵For I was kidnapped from my homeland, the land of the Hebrews, and now I’m here in prison, but I did nothing to deserve it.”

Genesis 40:14-15 NLT

Pharaoh’s chief cup-bearer, however, forgot all about Joseph, never giving him another thought. Genesis 40:23 NLT

- **What’s normal isn’t celebrated; it’s expected.**
 - **Just because they don’t notice now, doesn’t mean they won’t notice later.**
3. **What’s unseen by people is often what’s most significant to God.**

- **What’s invisible is often what’s most valuable.**

“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the

hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. ... ⁴Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.” Matthew 6:1-2, 4 NIV

El Roi The God Who Sees

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. ¹¹We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized.

Hebrews 6:10-11 NIV

TALK IT OVER

Read **Hebrews 6:10-11**. What stands out to you from this passage? How does it feel to know that God sees the valuable work you're doing, even if you feel underappreciated?

Talk about some ways you find your worth and value. Who does God say you are, and how does this impact the way you view yourself?

Share about a time when you felt truly appreciated. What was that experience like, and what did you learn about the value of appreciating others?

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