

ALWAYS LOVED!

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Jeremiah 1:4-8; Romans 5:6-8

LEARNING THE HARD WAY.

1. You are worth **MORE** than the sum of your **EFFORTS**

What matters most about you to God is **who you are to Him**.

The word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." "Alas, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young. But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD. (Jeremiah 1:4-8, NIV)

The idea that we have VALUE because of WHO we are to GOD rather than based on WHAT we DO is EXTREMELY counter to our culture.

2. There is **NOTHING** you can **DO** to make God love you any more than He does, and **NOTHING** you can do to make Him love you any **LESS!**

When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, no one is likely to die for a good person, though someone might be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. (Romans 5:6-8, NLT)

You and I mean everything to God, and He loves us...

- Just because we are amazing creatures created in His image.
- Just because His Son paid the ultimate price to redeem us.
- Just because of *who* we **are**, not because of what we **do**.

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" (1 John 3:1, NIV)

The way God loves us...

- Even before we have *any* idea who He is, He loves us.
- Even before you ever do *anything* for Him, He loves YOU!
- Even before you can understand His words or His heart...