

# The Assembly

## 21 Days Of Prayer And Fasting

DAY 14

Knowing Our Identity Is Know Our Worth

When we think of worth, we think of the value that something or someone has. A lot of times when we see worth in someone or ourselves, we tend to identify or label ourselves or that person with that worth. The things we find more valuable, or appealing is where we typically put most of our attention towards. If you are a sports athlete you're mostly working on improving your craft. If you love to read, your face is always inside of a book. If you are a musician, you are playing an instrument all of the time. If you are a fashionista, you always walk out of the house with the best outfit on.

Personally, I was about that money. When I was younger I put my worth in how much money I had and what I could do with it. When I gave my life to Christ, that worth I had in money had to be given over to Christ. So whatever we put our worth in has to change in order to live for God fully. This brings me to a passage in the Bible where Jesus is talking to the disciples. And he is informing them on how to serve him fully.

*24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. 26 What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?" - Matthew 16:24-26*

The significance of what Jesus is saying at this moment is if you want to follow me you have to carry your own cross to do so. You see right before he said this Jesus was explaining to the disciples that he is about to be killed by being hung on the cross. So when Jesus says take up your cross and follow me it holds so much more weight. Jesus then goes on to say, in order for you to save your life you must die first. This is symbolic of us letting the things of this world go. It's the idea of us not being able to gain resurrection life without dying first.

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! - 2 Corinthians 5:17*

When we have given our lives over to Christ, we are dying from our old way of life and being resurrected into a new way of life. When we take up our cross, we are saying our worth is not in the world anymore, it is in Jesus.

Jesus then goes on to ask 2 questions; what's the point of having everything if we lose our souls in the end? Or What can anyone give in exchange for their soul? In other words, what is your soul worth to you?

Giving our lives over Jesus is showing how much he is worth to us.

How much worth do you put in living for God?

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As Christians, it is so easy for us to fall back into the same patterns we've known before we put our worth in Jesus. A lot of times it is because we began to put our worth in other things besides God. I think that happens because we either forget how much we're worth to God, or we just don't realize how much we're worth to God. We tend to live for God more when we have that confidence in knowing who we are to him. So, I found 4 verses in the bible that tells us who we are to God.

*"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."* John 1:12

We are "Children of God."

*"For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly."* Psalm 84:11

We are "Favored & Honored" by God.

*"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."* 2 Corinthians 9:8

We are "Blessed" by God. (This next verse is my favorite one.)

*"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."* Ephesians 2:10

Workmanship in Greek is poiema or creation. The word poem comes from poiema. As we all know poetry is a form of art. We are God's art.

We are a work of art, in other words we are "God's Masterpiece".

Never forget these 4 very important traits that God identifies us as:

- We are Children of God.
- We are Favored & Honored by God.
- We are Blessed by God.
- We are God's Masterpiece.