

A Great Day in the Kingdom – February 12, 2021

Have you ever felt unimportant, insignificant, or just one more person in this world? Sometimes it is easy to devalue the significance of our existence, as we navigate this world. When we, as people of God allow ourselves to practice self-marginalization, God is not honored. Negative self-talk is a common and unhealthy practice I witness quite often.

Usually, it presents itself in a form of self-deprecating humor or limiting language. When we limit ourselves we limit room for The Lord to work in our lives. Have you ever heard, "I don't have much to offer, but I would like to help."? The societal norm for many folks sometimes even marginalizes their work in God's Kingdom. We are called to be the exception in this world of norms. God does not see you as a norm, but sees only your continued growth and potential. Remember Sanctification? We are on that journey together, as the Body of Christ. There is no failure when our efforts are intended to honor God. Let's face it, even during moral or ethical failure God is ever present.

Moses stuttered. David committed adultery. Paul was a passionate persecutor of Christians. Peter denied Jesus three times. We must realize that at one point in time, all of God's people are tempted to feel insignificant. You have plenty to offer! The only perfect person was Jesus! God's will for you is to stay in His path. When we fail, or become discouraged or stray, God comes after us. **Matthew 18:12, What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray?"**

There may be times when you feel alone, but you're not. There may be times that you have failed, but failure does not define you. God defines you, searches for you and values you as much as he valued Moses. He'll guide you, as much as he guided King David. He will change your heart, as He changed Paul's. And remember Peter? After denying Jesus, he built the Church of Jesus Christ!

Prayer: Heavenly Father, remind me how valued I am in your sight. Help me to remember I belong to you. Help me to remember that no one is permitted to devalue your people, as I am one of your people. In Jesus name, AMEN.