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## Tuesday Devotion: Exodus Week 5 April 28, 2020

### Jesus Values You!

Bible Reference: Exodus 19

Exodus 19 is all about preparation. God tells Moses to say to the people, "You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all people, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." (*Exodus 19:4-6*)

The children of Israel are in the middle of the wilderness. They are sweaty and probably look a mess. Since leaving Egypt, their only job is to walk. As we read above, God takes time to define their value. He reminds them that the whole earth is His, but *only they* will be His prized possession. Let me repeat that...the God of the universe just told this sweaty, stinky, jobless people that they are His prized possession! They are His priests! That sounds highly valued to me!

Often times we derive our value from the work that we do, or even the people we work for or with. (Thankfully, most people in our congregation still have their jobs during this pandemic.) I mentioned to Tracy this past Sunday how different it is to be preaching to a camera rather than a sanctuary of people. I love people. It is who I am. Though I see the wonderful ways our service is being used, and I am very super grateful for it, I miss seeing all of you on a Sunday morning.

Right now, even as you read this, do you feel valuable? Perhaps you haven't showered today. You may be unmotivated to do work. You may be tired of staying home. You may need a break from your kids. You may feel guilty about missing the pleasurable activities in life (like golf, or shopping, or coffee shops) because it seems so shallow compared to the people who are dying and the pain their families are dealing with. You may be sick of cooking and eating at home. You may be sick of the news. Some of you may even be tired of working too much. The good news is, *none of that defines your value!* God doesn't want these things to distract us. Take all of that away to hear Him say to you...**Remember what I've done for you. You are my chosen people. I value you!**

The rest of Exodus 19 is all about the people preparing to see God. They remembered who valued them and they got themselves all clean up because God said He was going to come to them. They were excited. God even had to tell Moses to keep the people from rushing the mountain out of their excitement to see Him.

I have never been this excited to read Exodus. Monday comes and I can't wait to see what Jesus is going to show me next. I've always loved sermon prep, but in this season, I love it more. When I am typing, the words are coming out so fast that it's exciting! I want you to feel that excitement too. Don't misunderstand me; I still have to make time for it around my kids' schedules, and some nights I am tired, but I've never been more excited to see what Jesus has for me every week. Sometimes I have to pray for Jesus to calm my spirit before I sit down to write the devotions or my sermon notes because I am so excited to rush the mountain of God.

This week I am praying that you are reminded how much Jesus values you! I pray that you are excited to see what He is going to show you and your family in this season. I pray that you take time each day to listen to Him and hear of His love for you. Jesus has given us nothing but time to listen to Him. You are valued! Jesus loves you! You are His prized possession!

God's Peace,  
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