Do I Matter?

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INTRODUCTION

- On the one hand, as individuals, we might have that doubtful voice inside our head that wonders whether we make a difference.
- Does what I do as a parent even matter? Getting the shovel and digging deeper still, these thoughts can haunt us on a spiritual level.
- Do my prayers matter? Do I matter? I want to give you three reasons to help you remember that you do matter.

1 You Matter Because God Created You

Genesis 1:26–27; Psalm 139:13–16

- Not only do we exist, but we were specifically created by God for his purposes.
- This idea of being created by God is foundational to everything else that we believe.
- From the very beginning of time, God made mankind special. Unique compared to everything else that he created.
- You formed my inward parts. You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
- But God did not create us with mistakes.
- You have value. You are worth something. You matter if for no other reason, because God created you.

2 You Matter Because God Loves You

John 3:16

- For God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.
- It would be absurd to die for a truck. It would be crazy to die for a house.
- That is exactly the plan that God put in place that he would sacrifice his son to die for some physical created thing.
- In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace.
- How much are you worth when you consider what God was willing to pay for you?
- If God loves you enough that he chose his son to suffer and die in your place for your sins. And he made that plan before you even existed. You matter.

3 You Matter Because God Wants You

Psalm 8:3–4; 2 Peter 3:8–9; 1 Timothy 2:3–4

- What does God get from us? What value do we add to him? What does he have with us that he doesn't already have without us?
- I am not that important. If I cease to exist today, God would continue to be who he is and what he is, regardless. Yet he wants me.
- What is man that you're mindful of him, and the Son of Man that you care for him.
- We are filthy garments. We are unworthy servants. We don't even deserve for God to give us the time of day. Yet He wants us.
- Not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. God doesn't want some people. He wants everyone.
- Who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. He wants all people, he wants everyone. That means he wants you.

THE CHALLENGE

What are you waiting for? God has given everything for you. He has already paid the price. You simply have to accept His forgiveness and repent and be baptized. If you understand what you need to do and you're ready to do it, why wait?

MY NOTES