



FEARLESS SERIES - 2
Fear of Not Mattering
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29Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. **30**And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. **31**So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Matthew 10:29-31

The Village of Stiltsville

1. We Long to Be Important

Things we do:

Hair	Fashion	College rings
Name dropping	Possessions	Children

2. What Makes Something Valuable;

*For God created human beings in his own image,
In the image of God he created them, male
And female he created them.* Genesis 1:27

For I am fearfully and wonderfully made
Psalm 139:15

God's Ragdolls: It's his love that give us value.

*We are God's masterpiece, God's workmanship created
in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared
in advance for us to do.* Ephesians 2:10

3. Value Depends on What Someone Will Pay

"He paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ,
the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. 1 Peter 1:19

Treat *everyone* you meet with dignity
1 Peter 2:17

Questions for personal devotions and small groups:

Opening question:

Describe something you once valued as critically important (perhaps in High School or college) that you now laugh about because of its insignificance in your life.

1. Read the following verses. What each say about your value in God's eyes: (a) Psalm 139:14-15, (b) Psalm 139:18, (c) Ephesians 2:10. (d) Matthew 10:29-31.
2. Where do you draw the line between humility and seeing yourself as worthless? How does each attitude (above) impact your relationship with God?
3. Read the letter on pages 26-27 of *FEARLESS about the movie Hook*. Listen, God is talking to you. Do you hear? He is looking into your face, finding beauty the years bury, the sparkle that time tries to take away. (a.) Which relationships, jobs, journeys, or heartbreaks have taken some of the sparkle from your eyes.(b) What would it take to have that beauty restored?
4. Describe a time in which you've been hurt by feeling that you do not matter.
5. Fashion is only one example of how people try to make themselves significant. What are some things you do to make yourself feel important?
6. Tell of a time when someone made you feel as though you were significant to them.

Closing...for next week

Consider ways you make others feel significant. Try to do one specific thing to strengthen a good relationship or correct a bad one.

For this week (February 21-27). , Read Chapter 2 in the book, *FEARLESS*. Small group discussions will address Chapter 2 – *The Village of Stiltsville*.

*For Next Week (February 28-March 6) Read Chapter3
In the Book FEARLESS. Small Group discussion will address
Chapter 3, Fear of Disappointing God.*

