

**DAY 1 PETER 1:10-20****1**

On September 13 an ounce of gold was worth \$1,326. Gold is valuable. Many people wisely invest in precious metals these days. In uncertain times, gold seems like a sure bet. But our security doesn't come from money. Wealth doesn't make your life matter. Do you ever wonder what you could do to be significant in God's eyes? You may not feel like you're important to God, but He has demonstrated that you are. Jesus went to the cross and paid the ultimate price because you are valuable to Him. Jesus paid for your sins with something much more valuable than silver or gold. One drop of His blood cannot be measured in dollars and cents. It was the rarest of treasures shed for His treasure—you.

DAY 2 ROMANS 8:26-32**2**

Have you ever studied for an exam and flunked it? Tried to control yourself but exploded at your kids? Were you fired from a job? Moments like that can make you feel like a failure. You may be surprised to learn that God calls you a conqueror. Because of our relationship with God, our every circumstance will be turned into ultimate triumph. God will pen the last page, and we know that we win. But does God care about your History test? If He gave His Son to save you, He would certainly move to help you. You have His Holy Spirit to help in your weakness. You have God's promises to sustain you. His power inside you. You may lose a battle, but you will never lose the war.

DAY 3 LUKE 15:1-7**3**

Have you ever lost your child in public? You start looking. Then you start panicking. Panic is followed by a flood of possibilities—what if I don't find her? Within seconds you avail yourself of every avenue necessary to find your child—cell phone, security guards, police, friends, and family. Just as your children are of the highest importance to you, so are you to God. He cares about every one of the three billion-plus people on Earth. You are not insignificant to God. No matter how far you may stray away from Him, He wants you back. God will go to great lengths to find you. Remember, you are His child. He treasures every person in His heart and longs to bring every lost child home.

DAY MATTHEW 10:24-31

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Have you ever been in a car accident? The pain scares you. As the paramedics load you into the ambulance, the backboard feels unsteady. Loneliness threatens to overwhelm you. You may ask, why did God allow this to happen to me? Did I do something wrong? Is He upset with me? The truth is, God knows your pain and suffering and cares about what happens to you. No matter what comes into your life, God is there. You may not feel Him right away, but if He pays attention to every little detail of a bird's life—how much more does He care for you?

DAY 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-21

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Does your family have a job chart? Maybe the five-year-old clears supper dishes, the ten-year-old feeds the dog, and the twelve-year-old takes out the garbage. When everyone pitches in and plays their part the family thrives! The church is like a family. God gave each of us a role to play to help one another in our church community. Your gift may be encouragement, such as a winning smile, an arm around a grieving friend, or words that bring hope. Your gift may be hospitality; delivering meals to the homebound or inviting someone to dinner who needs companionship. When you wonder if you matter—remember: there is a place where you play a vital role. Use your gifts in the local church.

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