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To have

Thank You too all

As I have often stated, books emerge from the flow of thoughts. However, they are not done within a vacuum of activity. Indeed, not this book. I want to thank Sammy Price and his bandmates from StoneEcho: Phil Parker, Stefan Willmet, Mark Medlin, and Samuel Duval. They have worked tirelessly to create the updated song called “Every Sparrow.” A special shoutout to Stefan for his work constructing the piece of music from our early 1990s called “He Knows Your Name.” into the contemporary classic as it appears on Youtube.

When skillful musicians create musical masterpieces, the outcome becomes imprinted into your DNA. I am confident that “Every Sparrow” will be one such song for Sammy and the brothers of StoneEcho. So, let’s make the song and video go viral on the technology airways. Also, let’s make this book a New York Times bestseller.

To Sammy, Phil, Stefan, Mark, and Samuel: It was an honor and my pleasure to collaborate with you on this project. Your musical talent is off the charts. Blessing to you all with StoneEcho in the future. To learn more about the band StoneEcho, please visit their website at www.stoneecho.com.

Dedication

Sammy “Buck” Price

I met Sammy over thirty years ago, in 1990, when I joined his Christian rock band called Kindred Heart. Sammy founded the musical group several decades earlier. As the new drummer for KH, I was excited and pumped to be playing with such talented musicians and Godly men. Sammy was the frontman, as they are called. He was a gifted singer with an incredible vocal range. He could shatter crystal if he held his high notes too long. Sammy loved to sing, and his passion was contagious. In addition, he was an extraordinary lyricist. Sam wrote words that pierced the mind and touched the soul. He always has as God was front and center in his life.

This book centers on one of his masterful songs that genuinely touched my life when I first heard it. It was originally entitled, “He Knows Your Name.” The chorus grabbed my heart when it stated, “Every Sparrow that falls, He knows them all. He knows your name.” I was so moved by the song that I asked Sammy to teach me to play it on the piano for future reference. As a band, we never worked on the song any further. However, it became etched into my very being. *He knew my name!*

In 1993, I felt led to step away from Kindred Heart after starting a new marriage and budding family. As it were, the years separated my time with Sammy and KH. That is until recently. In early 2021, I began to have dreams about Sammy’s song. The

melody and words reverberated in my mind while sleeping. For about a month, I could not shake the song. Finally, I shared the dream with my wife. I told her I wanted to write a book about the song. She said, “You must talk to Sammy first to get his permission.”

One weekend afternoon, I picked up the phone and called Sammy. He and I spoke for almost two hours. Wow, catching up with him after nearly thirty years was so refreshing. I shared my desire to write a book about his song called “Every Sparrow That Falls.” Sammy agreed to record a modern version of the song with his current bandmates, StoneEcho. That was exciting for both of us.

Now, Sammy and I talk regularly again. Yes, friendships can reemerge for the greater good even after practically thirty years of silence. God has touched our lives through the years, and I am honored to call Sammy my dear friend and brother in the Lord, Jesus Christ. So, here’s wishing you ALL the best in life and with the Lord, my friend Sammy.

You are a lover of people. An authentic leader with over-the-top musical talent. A faithful husband to Tonya and a wonderful father to your daughter, Stella. Your example and integrity have shown through over time. Your character truly emulates your walk with God, and your insight on life is much needed today as we seek to influence others to pursue God wholeheartedly.

As discussed, I am so blessed that we reconnected, and I hope to do other projects with you. Here is a verse we shared as Kindred Heart bandmates: ² *When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.* ³ *For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; Isaiah 43:2-3a*

When the waters run deep, I will be with you. When you walk through the fire, I will be there. I am your forever friend!

Love you, Brother!

Bud

Bud Wohlhueter

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1

What's in a Song

Letters create words, and words make thoughts. A host of terms convey an idea that captures the emotion. These words make up what we know as a song. But what is in a piece of musical mastery? Lyrics are the essence ingredient of any song. Yes, words move our hearts to feel. They evoke action from the listener. Let's list the words in this masterpiece "Every Sparrow" by Sammy Price / Stefan Wilmet and the band, StoneEcho.

Every Sparrow

By

Sammy Price / Stefan Wilmet

Verse 1

In this world of endless faces, who knows my name?

People and places, all seem the same.

A solitary link, in an endless chain.
Can anyone see me? Do you feel the same?

Tried and convicted, for the choices that I made.
Known by a number, not by my name.
Death sits in waiting, to stake his claim.
A king of anonymity, with no kingdom to reign.

Chorus

He knows your name.
He knows your name.
Every sparrow that falls.
He knows them all.
He knows your name.

Verse 2

Anything I wanted, that money could buy.
A simple transaction, and it would be mine.
But the love that I longed for, seems so hard to find.
Fame, wealth, and riches left me broken and blind.

Then blessed and elected, with decisions to be made.
On a Beltway of Corruption, this political maze.
When it's my turn to stand up, will the difference be made?

When Truth calls to test me, will It call me by name?

Chorus

He knows your name.
He knows your name.
Every sparrow that falls.
He knows them all.
He knows your name

Bridge

I know that you see me now, I know that you hear me when I cry
of these things that pull at me will all just fade away.

Chorus

He knows *my* name.
Yes, He knows *my* name.
Every sparrow that falls.
He knows them all.
Yes, He knows *my* name.
He knows *my* name.
Every sparrow that falls.
He knows them all.
He knows *my* name.

Yes, He knows *my* name.

He knows *my* name.

Can you relate to the lyrics? Do they grab your interest? Here, we see various lives in disarray, longing for more from this journey called Life. Additionally, we see situations where choices were made that lead to a pathway of loneliness and loss. While God is the Creator of all life, we see the Lord's free will in full view. As I stated in my first book called, *'My Life Is: Real vs. Ideal,'* "You make decisions, and decisions make you." These lyrics are a cry from the masses of people who wonder, "Does God even see me? Does He even care at all?"

I have good news for you, dear Reader. The Author of Creation has you in His sight. He makes this bold statement in the Word of God, from which this whole song unfolds:

²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ *Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will.* ³⁰ But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Do not fear therefore; *you are of more value than many sparrows.* Matthew 10:28-32 (italics added) NKJV

Did you catch that? A copper coin. Let's say that would be equivalent to one penny in the United States today. Yet, we see

pennies discarded everywhere, in parking lots, store aisleways, and convenience stores. Once seen with value, now believed to be worthless. Nevertheless, this is not true with your Heavenly Father as it relates to a single sparrow. Even if two can be sold for a solitary penny, God is mindful of His will for that little sparrow. Draw strength from such a comparison. God sees every sparrow He created and assures that sparrow of His provision and safety. It would help if you got incredibly excited right now. Why? God declares, “You are of more value than many sparrows.”

Maybe you have picked up this book because you are wondering if you matter. Does your life count for anything? Is there any value to what you bring to the world around you? Do you have your Heavenly Father’s attention as you live out each day? Can you make a difference from being alive? I hear you loud and clear. You are not alone in your pondering and self-talk.

As we unpack the words to this incredible song, you can rest because your Heavenly Father knows your name! He has His eye on you, just as He does the little sparrow. As the iconic song states, “I sing because I’m happy. I sing because I’m free. If His eye is on the little sparrow, then I know He watches over me.”

Let me share one more Scripture with you that I find very significant. It can be found in Psalms 84:3 as listed below,

“Even the **sparrow** has found a home, and the **swallow** a nest for herself, where she may have her young— *a place near your altar*, LORD Almighty, my King and my God.”

Notice the closeness of God to the little sparrow and swallow – a place near your altar, LORD Almighty, my King, and my God.” God has permitted them to build their nest near the site of sacrifice and consecration. The innocent sparrow gets to hang out near the presence of God. No, God does not turn His back on these small, needy creatures. Instead, He gives them the finest of locations to abide and thrive. What a tender picture of your Heavenly Father towards His Creation? Blessed Reader, you are that valuable to God. Not only does He know your name, but He has also prepared a place for you close to His altar. That should make you want to shout and jump for joy. Your God loves the little sparrow, and He loves you too!

Let’s explore every word from “Every Sparrow” and learn how God is proving Himself to you in real and tangible ways. He is present in your life, and you must know He is watching over you. No matter what you have done or how far you think you have fallen from His reach, God is calling out to you as His child today and always. He declares you as infinitely valuable and worthy of His affection. *Every sparrow that falls He knows them all.* So, here we go!

Youtube Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=04bnOvv6osk>

Diving Deeper

1. What is your mental image as you read the texts to 'Every Sparrow? Can you connect with these powerful words? Why or Why Not? _____.
 2. Which verse could you relate to most? We have all felt lonely, made poor choices, etc. What about you? Do you think God cares about your life? How do you know? _____.
 3. ²⁹ *Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will.* Do you feel valuable to God? Has sin or poor choices caused you to believe God can't love you or use you today? _____.
 4. He Knows Your Name. How can that declaration change everything about your life moving forward? Does it give you hope for a brighter tomorrow? _____.
 5. Genesis 50:20 states, ²⁰ "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." Can God turn your troubles into triumphs? How do you believe He can do this for your life's story today? _____.
- Read Genesis 50: 20 aloud five more times. Commit it to memory. Live in its promise.

2

In This World of Endless Faces *(Loneliness Kills)*

Let's kick this off with the first sentence. "**In this world of endless faces, who knows my name?**" *Loneliness!* Could there be any better word to describe our world today in 2024, especially the United States of America? I think not. Yet, to be clear, God is NOT the author of our loneliness today. The Scriptures teach this very thing as penned below:

A man *who has* friends must himself be friendly,
But there is a friend *who* sticks closer than a brother. (Jesus Christ)
Proverbs 18:24 (NKJV),

A personal relationship with God, through His Son, Jesus Christ, is His remedy for the loneliness epidemic occurring today. But, where did all this loneliness begin. Let's look at the Cosmic Meltdown which created this condition in humanity." When sin

entered the world by Adam and Eve, the whole world was thrown into complete chaos, literally. The human race was in a *real* mess...physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually, and relationally.

Physically - Mankind would now begin to feel the effects of physical deterioration.

Mentally - Mankind would no longer pursue the mind and thoughts of God.

Emotionally - Mankind was now afraid of God and hid from Him, alienated and alone.

Spiritually - Mankind was now separated from His Creator, thus breaking intimate fellowship with Him, causing loneliness and despair.

Relationally - Man and Woman were now in “opposition” with each other, causing hurt, anger, isolation, and seclusion.

This undone state caused humanity to exist in a perpetual world of aloneness. Nevertheless, when someone is far from God and disinterested in spiritual matters, could their life be described more accurately than “alone?” Nonetheless, God’s intention was NEVER for His prize creation to remain in this world filled with these feelings of separation.

Even in Genesis 3:15, the Word of God spoke of a Redeemer to this calamity. It is recorded, “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” This initial biblical reference foreshadowed the eternal war of the ages where Satan and God’s Son, Jesus Christ, would square off in the battle of all battles where death was on the docket and freedom was the desired trophy. This battle was not physical but rather a divine one.

As you can see, we needed a Divine solution to our desperate dilemma - *Jesus Christ Came for you...*

1. Jesus Christ came to “Revive” you - Physically
2. Jesus Christ came to “Renew” you - Mentally
3. Jesus Christ came to “Restore” you - Emotionally
4. Jesus Christ came to “Rescue” you - Spiritually
5. Jesus Christ came to “Rebuild” you – Relationally

If all Jesus Christ came to do was to give you a once over spiritually, you might think, “I don’t need that now.” You might even say, “When I get older, I’ll consider spiritual matters.” However, Jesus Christ came to give you a *Supreme Makeover* to be able to function in this present life and in the age to come, Eternal Life. Doesn’t this sound AWESOME!

Friend, when people walk around in a state of loneliness, they are so self-absorbed with their worlds of pain that they can’t even focus on anything or anybody else. That is why you would

make a statement like, “Who knows my name?” It is an outcry of a soul, troubled and perplexed in mind, body, and spirit. Sadly, we look for validation from other individuals to answer this intimate question, “Do you know me?” Yet, they may not have the time nor the interest to make this type of deposit into your life. So, with heart in hand, you continue to the next person, “Do you know me?” If we are honest, we do this with every potential relationship that crosses our path. *As a human being, you long to be known.* Even so, we get disappointed with people. That will never change.

However, can I suggest a life-changing piece of information? God already knows you fully and completely. God is intimately aware of your being, as echoed in Psalms 139:13-18,

¹³ For you created my inmost being;

you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ *Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—*
when I awake, I am still with you.

Who knows your name? God does! Who created your inmost being? God did! Who has mapped out your entire life, from end to beginning? God has! Who thinks of you daily? God will! Should I keep going? God is your Advocate. He has got your back. You are always on His mind. The Psalmist said, “If I could count the times God is thinking of me, they would be like the grains of sand on the world’s shores.” Can you number them, my dear Reader? Do you even know where all those grains exist? Probably not! Yet, God could count them if that is what it took to convince you of His affection and admiration of you. You don’t have to be lonely any longer as God longs for a personal relationship with you, His Creation.

Yes, there will be loneliness across the globe as long as sin still exists in this earthly realm. Yet, you can stop asking, “Who knows my name?” Why? Because your Creator knows of your soul. That should be enough! And, He brings you companionship and closeness. Let’s repeat the verse one more time as recorded in Proverbs 18:24,

A man *who has* friends must himself be friendly,
But there is a friend *who* sticks closer than a brother. (Jesus Christ)
Proverbs 18:24 (NKJV),

Let that sink into your DNA. The God of the Bible and the Universe is the Author of ALL Relationships. His comradeship settles the loneliness issue. You read those exact words above. His

name is not one filled with aloneness but rather connectedness. When you know that you are divinely known, that brings peace to your heart. And, God wants you to have peace. Not just any kind of peace will do, but perfect peace as recorded in Isaiah 26:3,

“You will keep him in **perfect peace**, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.”

Don't miss the correlation noted here. If you focus on God daily, the presence of His peace can be yours because you trust in Him. *A stayed mind is a peaceful mind.* So, fix or fasten your thoughts on the peace of God. Then, even if the world remains a place of loneliness, you can rest in the camaraderie of God and enjoy the fact that He knows your name. Do you want to know Him in a personal way, through His Son, Jesus Christ?

Why? Jesus Christ is *more* than just a Savior and Lord. He is the *one* who wants to put your life back together, completely. Please don't deny His offer for *wholeness*. Your life depends on it. Maybe, your spouse is depending on this. Or, even your children! In fact, your eternal future depends on it!

Simply Pray:

Dear God,

I realize today that I am incomplete and broken by sin. The effects of sin have caused my life to be alienated and far from you. I have drifted along without purpose and joy for way too long.

Today, I surrender my heart fully and sincerely to your Son, Jesus Christ. I invite Jesus into my life to give me a Supreme Makeover...physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually, and relationally. I endeavor to make Him first priority in my life from this day forward. Thank you for giving me new life and an abundant life. In Jesus Christ's name I pray and believe. Amen.

Congratulations...You are a new creation!

Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life begins! Look at it! All this comes from the God who settled the relationship between us and him, and then called us to settle our relationships with each other. *2 Corinthians 5:17-18 (The Message)*

“In this world of endless faces, who knows my name?”

God does!

Diving Deeper

1. What other word describes your world today? Would you agree that “loneliness” may be a perfect fit to explain your world today? Why or why not? _____.
2. What can be done to help us free ourselves from living self-absorbed lives and consider the others around us? _____.
3. Do you relate to the thought: “Who knows my name?” Why or why not? Have you wished more people did? Why? _____.
4. What comfort do you derive in knowing that God has seen your life, from end to beginning, and has mapped out a glorious storyline for you? _____.
5. God thinks of you daily. His thoughts toward you outnumber the seashore's sands, the world over. Will that settle your soul that you are “known?” Is that enough for you? Why or why not?
_____.
6. God is the source of ALL peace. Have you given Him access to your life so His peace can be your hope? What can you do today to gain more of His peace? _____.

3

People and Places *(Monotony & Boredom)*

Moving on to the following sentence, **“People and Places, all seem the same.”** *Monotony* is a destroyer of the essence of life. A first cousin to monotony is boredom. In the quietness of your soul, would you agree the routineness of life can be brutal on the mind and heart? Inwardly, you desire to live out this grand adventure called life, and in the end, you have to take out the trash daily, wash dishes, change diapers, and mow lawns. Some grand storyline! You may even regret this persistence of routine. You go to Colorado, New York, California, or the Caribbean, and people are just people. Surprisingly, they all act the same for the most part. Yes, they are sinful by nature and have the potential to hurt others or self-implode. Not to mention, all places seem boring and predictable with each vacation rewind, if we were honest. We lament the fact that life seems unsurprising. Don’t we? Let’s admit that together. Human nature plays out all around us; if we are truthful, it just looks like the same thing, day in and day out.

There once was a bumper sticker during my college days that read “SS.” When you dug deeper into what it meant, it was an expression of annoyance, “Same Stuff.” (Note: I am keeping this G-rated). In a somewhat comical stance, a new bumper stick surfaced years later that read, “SSDD.” Upon further investigation, it echoed this sentiment, “Same Stuff, Different Day!” I am not making this up. Both of these stickers sold millions of copies. Why? Individuals felt that life was a slow death resulting from a schedule and routine that never changed. Can you speak about this very thought? Do you feel like your existence has little meaning?

This reality check can even find its way into your marriage. Sure, dating and courtship are a blast. Yet, after years or even decades of marriage, the “ole ball and chain” can lose his or her luster. In fact, it can truly become tedious and problematic to maintain. I know I am being tongue-in-cheek here, but you understand what I mean and can probably connect very well to this line of thinking.

I can assure you that God never meant your life to be boring, predictable, and rudimentary. Jesus Christ left you with this charge as He went back to be with His Father as penned in Matthew 28:18-20,

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore **go** and **make** disciples of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and **teaching** them

to obey everything I have commanded you. *And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*”

The Creator of the Universe has given you these actions commands in this passage: go, make, baptize and teach. These words are hardly ones of comfort and cushion. No couch potato living is found in this peril of decision. The Lord Jesus Christ is saying to you, “Get busy!” Do what I have commanded you to do. Make disciples in my name. If that were not enough, He then states that His presence is with you continually.

How can that be dreary, probable, and fundamental? If you saw every person as someone for whom Jesus Christ died and every location as a “Ninevah” kind-of-city that God wants to save from sin, you would never look at people and places the same, again. The tragedy of your life is that you turn it inward and only see “yourself” as essential. No wonder that creates a drain on your emotional existence. God never intended life to be about “you and only you!” Have you made it as such?

Consider this claim from the Lord Jesus as found in Matthew 9:37 (NKJV). Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly *is* plentiful, but the **laborers are few.**” Jesus is describing a condition that is present, even today. The souls of mankind are ripe for repentance, but very few laborers work for the Lord’s steed. No wonder you see every person as a Xerox copy of another.

Nevertheless, your Heavenly Father does NOT see people and places as all being the same. No, you were not made for mundaneness and monotony. On the other hand, you will certainly

lose your way if you only believe that the world exists for your purpose and pleasure. That will eventually run you dry and leave you searching for more. However, step into the Lord's work and go, make, baptize, and teach others about His Son, Jesus Christ. See people as God's masterpieces and those places as the locations where these souls reside.

Flip the script on your life and get into the Heavenly game of saving souls for the Kingdom's sake. Your life will never be the same again. Let's end with Proverbs 11:30 (KJV), "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; *and he that winneth souls is wise.*"

He that wins souls is wise. Can there be any greater mission in life? Take it seriously and engage the vision. God loves everyone equally and wants all to come to repentance in Him. You are His mouthpiece, his hands, and his feet. Step into this grand work for the Lord, and you will feel fulfilled and contented. Plus, you will begin to see lives differently. *God does not make ordinary people and does not make "junk."* Win souls! It is wise.

Diving Deeper

1. *People and places:* Do you live like your life has no meaning or is of little value as a number? _____.

2. How would you finish this sentence, "I am so bored that I will _____.

3. SS: Same Stuff! How do you navigate the routineness and predictability of life? _____.

4. SSDD: Same Stuff, Different Day! This saying declares the sentiments of many. How do you relate? _____.

5. Go make disciples! God needs you to help build His Kingdom. What is your response? _____.

6. *Flip the Script:* See people as God sees them and the places as where they reside. How can your view of others and places change as a result of this chapter? _____.

What would life be like if you take on a Heavenly Mission for God.

_____.

4

A Solitary Link *(Ordinary & Insignificant)*

From the next series of words we get, “**A solitary link, in an endless chain.**” This thought speaks to the word, “ordinary” as a reality of your modern living. You are wrestling with the idea, “Am I significant?” Let me reassure you. You are anything but ordinary or insignificant. God made you unique and special. You are a Rembrandt, a one-of-a-kind original masterpiece. Believe it! You are more than significant. You are hand-crafted by Almighty God to touch the world around you. What an assignment!

Have you ever ridden a bicycle? Most of us can say that we have. Truth be told, you will be given a tricycle as an infant. You will learn to ride this amazing form of entertainment. As a toddler, it takes you places. It gives you movement and motion. You are not “stuck” in one spot any longer. The natural progression of aging is trading up your tricycle for a shiny new bicycle. Sure, it will require you to have training wheels for a while. That is a good thing, but now you can go even further and longer with this form of

transportation. It makes life fanciful and memorable. The wind blows your hair. You get to see new scenery and exercise your body. Bikes are a great form of recreation.

However, have you ever had the chain to break on your bicycle rendering it immobile? I have. I am sure so have you, too. What am I getting to here? Can you guess? The importance of the solitary link can't be overstated. Yes, a single link makes all the difference between mobility and inactivity. Links matter!

We have all grown up with the saying, "A chain is only as strong as its weakest link." Do you remember that saying? Have you ever stated that yourself? The use of a chain can drive many forms of motions. Massive chains can turn turbines and generate power for homes and factories. A chain, such as on a chain saw, can cut down trees and make clearing a wooded area so much easier. Yes, we need chains in our modern world to survive. Thus, one solitary link joined with many other solitary links make a complete chain to function. Each link supports the work of the other.

In the Search for Significance book by Robert McGee, the author states that one must see his life through the lens of the Lord God Almighty. If you take any other lens to view your life or contributions to life, you will feel like a single drop of water that hits a great big pond. Yet, even a single drop of water can create ripples that reverberate from its point of entry. Yes, you may not make a "proverbial" BIG splash, but you will create movement,

nonetheless. Your movement matters to God and others in big ways. Don't take that lightly as you interact with your world.

If one were to break down the word, significant, you would read: sign – if – I – can't. Feeling significant has to do with signs. In other words, what is the evidence of my contributions to my domain or the realm around me? From this line of thinking, you are venturing into the state of a performance rational. *I am what I become by my performance.* This branding is a trap of the devil himself. You are not known by your signs in your biosphere, at large.

Why? Because that gives way to the final part of the word: significant. Take the last three thoughts of significant: if-I-can't? What if you can't do any grandioso outcomes before an onlooking world, does that render you of no value before God? Let me share with you a liberating truth. *You are a human being, not a human doing.* There is a vast difference between those two schools of thought. God calls you to be, not to be fixated on the do part!

In August 2019, my wife and I had a set of twins: a boy and a girl. They will be five in August, 2024 as I am writing this book. The first five years of their little lives, they are not doing anything, by way of performance, to prove their significance. Yet, my wife and I think they have hung-the-moon. Why? Because of the blood connection that we have. Their value is costly, not because of anything they can do, but simply because of who we value them to be as their parents. You have to get this deep down into your soul.

Cease striving for significance and likes on Facebook. You are precious and beyond priceless to God!

Human beings make our world great, not human doings. It is the blood connection that makes all the difference. In this instance, I am not talking about a biological blood covenant, but rather the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross for the remission of your sins and mine. The only sign that we need to see our value is an old rugged cross upon which Christ died for us. Can there be any greater evidence of His love than Calvary? I think not.

As noted earlier, links matter. Chains matter. And, you matter! What is so bad about being a solitary link? It still serves the ultimate purpose of function and design. What a testimony to end your life with. Be a solitary link and be an awesome one. I know you can and trust that you will from this day forward.

Diving Deeper

1. What comes to your mind what I use the word: significant?

Does your life today challenge your significance? _____.

2. Do you relate to this thought: A solitary link, in an endless chain? Why or why not? _____.

3. What type of tricycle did you have as a child? Can you even remember it, vividly, or was it forgotten as you emerged into your elementary years? _____

4. Where would the world be today without the use of chains? In your world, where do you use chains? _____.

5. A broken chain benefits nobody! Therefore, a solitary link has intrinsic value to the purpose and function of a chain. Yes, even one link can make all the difference. How? _____.

6. Do you live as a human being or a human doing? Are you caught up in the performance trap to prove your worth? Why or why not? _____.

7. Can you believe that God loves you just because He created. Does this give you peace? _____.