

Worth It

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How much are you willing to pay? In some countries, haggling over the price is not only accepted but expected. In other places, haggling over the value of a purchase is very offensive. Whether the vender or the customer, a value is agreed upon on both ends. The real question is, "what are you willing to sacrifice for your desires?" We're in a unique position in that God is both the Vender (Creator) and the customer. Like the story of Hosea, who was a prophet that God told to "Go, take yourself a wife of harlotry and children of harlotry", God seeks to restore and redeem his creation. Why would God ask someone, a prophetic man of the Lord, to marry a harlot? After all, isn't the marriage bed sacred? God wanted Hosea to see how much He loves His children, even when their actions are less than what they should represent. The children of Israel represent the bride of Christ. In the story of Hosea, after marrying Gomer, and having children with her, Hosea had to purchase her back after she returned to a life of harlotry and adultery (read the book of Hosea). What some would find defiled, God still saw the original, and continued value in. Quite frankly, nothing that we do, could separate us from the love of God!

Ask yourself, what price are you paying for the life you are living? Is it worth it? Do you even have enough to sacrifice for the things of this world? Is there something better out there? What do you think your life is worth? Better yet, how much does salvation cost?

In response to the main question, Jesus was and is willing to sacrifice EVERYTHING for you because your value exceeded the price only He could afford. Can you imagine that? Can you really comprehend being silent while beaten, bruised, whipped, and hung all because you knew that the pain of your sacrifice was worth the purchase? Jesus paid the ultimate sacrifice for your sins and for mine.

I'm reminded of a favorite childhood musical of mine. "Annie". She was an orphan who wanted nothing more than to find her parents, or to be claimed by them. The manager of the orphanage sought to keep her from the love of a family, even keeping the truth about her parent's death secret from her. In the end, Annie is adopted into a life where she could want for nothing and loved by a new father and mother.

God sent Jesus to overwrite the future that the enemy had in store for us. God has adopted us into His kingdom and has given us a new name. Why? Because to Him, we're worth everything! And in this new family, the body of Christ, God will supply ALL of our needs.

“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
(Romans 8:37-39)

