### HOW MUCH YOU MATTER TO GOD

# Pressing Forward Part 4 of 4

## 4 Ways We Judge Our Worth

Ву	– How do I look?
Ву	What have I accomplished?
Ву	_ – How well am I liked?
Ву	– What do I own?

The greatest changes in our lives take place when we see ourselves as God sees us.

"Jesus was going through the city of Jericho. A man was there named Zacchaeus, who was the <u>chief tax collector</u>, and he was <u>wealthy</u>. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but <u>he was too short</u> to see above the crowd. He ran ahead to a place where Jesus would come, and he climbed a sycamore tree so he could see him." Luke 19:1-4 (NCV)

### 1. NO MATTER HOW INSIGNIFICANT I FEEL,

"When Jesus got to the tree, he looked up..." Luke 19:5 (MSG)

"God <u>never overlooks</u> a single sparrow. And he pays even <u>greater</u> <u>attention to you</u>, down to the <u>last detail</u> — even numbering the hairs on your head!" Luke 12:6-7 (MSG)

# 2. NO MATTER WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT ME, \_\_\_\_\_

"...Jesus looked up at Zacchaeus and <u>called him by name</u> 'Zacchaeus!' he said." Luke 19:5b (LB)

"For we are <u>God's masterpiece</u>. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

"Even if my father and mother abandon me, the Lord will hold me close." Psalms 27:10 (NLT)

### 3. NO MATTER WHAT I'VE DONE,

"...he said, "Come down quickly! For I am going to be a guest in your home today!" Luke 19:5c (LB)

"All the people saw this and began to complain, "Jesus is staying with a sinner!" Luke 19:7 (NCV)

"Jesus said, 'Those the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them." John 6:37 (NLT)

#### **HOW SHOULD I RESPOND TO JESUS?**

"So he came down at once and received him with joy." Luke 19:6 (NAB)

### THE RESULT

"Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "<u>I'll give</u> half of my possessions to the poor. And if I've cheated anyone, <u>I'll give</u> them back four times the amount.' Jesus responded, '<u>Salvation</u> has come to this home today!"'
Luke 19:8-9 (NCV)