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Some of you have been praying for my brother Ron, his wife Barb and family as Ron battled cancer since his diagnosis in January. Treatments were not effective. Ron remained at his home in Canton, GA under hospice care. I was able to spend several days with him in late July. We realized it had been over twenty years since we had been together. Ron entered Heaven on August 11, 2025 surrounded by family.

We served together for six years at Calvary Baptist Church, San Francisco, CA in the early to mid 80’s before we moved to Spokane. I was reminded of those challenging and fruitful days as I watched the memorial service online. See you soon, my brother.

Ron and I came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Savior on the same day, July 27, 1958.

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2 Corinthians 5:8
We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

WHERE WE’VE BEEN & WHERE WE’RE HEADED NEXT . . .

- August—Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA (Papst, Hippe, Morris)
- August 17, 24—Dalkena Community Church, Dalkena, WA (Hippe, Morris)
- August 10—Eagle Mountain Bible Church, Chewela, WA
- October 26— Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA (Morris)

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Worthless?

God Can Use Those Who Feel Worthless

How much is a penny stamp worth, a penny? That’s what we would assume. In 1856 in British Guiana, the postmaster asked the local newspaperman to print some stamps because the shipment from Britan was delayed. The one cent stamp was one of three denominations printed to take care of the need until the regular shipment arrived. Only one of these stamps survived.



This one-cent stamp was discovered by a twelve-year-old boy who lived in British Guiana. A few years later, he sold it a collector. It was eventually purchased by John E. DuPont, heir to the DuPont chemical fortune. In 2014, the Dupont estate sold the stamp known as the One-Cent Magenta for \$9,500,000! This seemingly worthless scrap of paper proved to be incredibly valuable.

How much is one cent worth? It’s just a penny coin. Or is it? It is believed that the 1792 Birch Cent was one of the coins that Thomas Jefferson discussed with George Washington. Washington would not allow his likeness to be placed on any American coin.



The Coinage Act of 1792 mandated that any copper cent had to contain 264 grains of pure copper, which the Birch Cent pictured here does. The Birch cents were designed by Robert Birch, one of the original 1792 US Mint employees. The

1792 Birch Cents are extremely rare. Prices for these historic coins reach new records every time they are auctioned. One variation is valued at \$4,200,000.

There are moments in every person’s life when feelings of unimportance can settle over the heart and mind like a thick fog. These are the times when one’s flaws, failures, or circumstances whisper, and at times shout, that they have nothing to offer—they are worthless. Yet, throughout history, there are examples of people who, though plagued by self-doubt or rejection by others, and feelings of worthlessness were chosen and transformed by God for remarkable purposes. God specializes in using those who feel unworthy. What the world overlooks, God values.

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The world’s values are often the opposite of Biblical standards. Scripture is filled with illustrations of our value to God. From the opening chapters of Genesis, where man is described as made “in the image of God,” to the teachings of Jesus, who spoke of the value of a single sparrow, the message is clear. Worth is not based on accomplishment, appearance, or approval. Instead, it is rooted in being known and loved by the Creator. One example is the life of Moses.

Moses, the great deliverer of Israel, was a man familiar with failure and inadequacy. When God called him from the burning bush, he protested, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh?” (Exodus 3:11). He doubted his abilities, feared his past, and reminded God he had a speech problem. God was not impressed with the excuses of Moses. God’s response was to make this promise to Moses, “I will be with you.” Through Moses, God parted seas and delivered a nation, showing that God’s power is made perfect in human weakness.

Gideon’s story in the book of Judges illuminates God’s pattern of using the overlooked. Hiding from his enemies, Gideon received a visit from an angel who addressed him as a “mighty warrior.” Gideon’s reply was filled with self-doubt: “My clan is the weakest . . . and I am the least in my family” (Judges 6:15). God saw what Gideon could not see in himself and used him to lead Israel to victory with an army of only 300 men. That victory obviously involved the hand of God.

Rahab, a woman with a tainted reputation in Jericho, might have seemed an unlikely candidate for God’s purposes. Yet, her courage and faith in hiding Israelite spies positioned her not only to save her family but also to become part of the lineage of Jesus (Matthew 1:5). Her story testifies that God’s redemptive work is not hindered by our past.

When the prophet Samuel came to anoint the next king of Israel, David was not even considered. Overlooked by his own family, he was seen by God as, “a man after God’s own heart” (1 Samuel 13:14). David’s psalms later demonstrate his honesty as to how his soul wrestled with worthlessness and the healing that comes from God’s unfailing love.

God delights in displaying His power in unusual ways. Our limitations take the focus off ourselves and force us to be dependent on Him. God delights in working through our weaknesses, so the source of our strength is unmistakable. As the Apostle Paul writes, “God chose what is foolish . . . to shame the wise; God chose what is weak . . . to shame the strong” (1 Corinthians 1:27). God uses those who feel unworthy, so the glory belongs unmistakably to Him.

“I am worthless.” Tell that to Jesus as He hung on a cruel Roman cross to make it possible for you to spend eternity with Him. “Do you not know . . . you were bought at a price . . .” 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. No greater price has ever been paid than the shedding of the blood of God’s son, Jesus. The next time feelings of worthlessness enter your mind remember the price that was paid for you. That price was greater than the world’s rarest stamp or coin. Remember and be prepared for God to use YOU in unusual ways.

PRACTICAL STEPS TO OVERCOME FEELINGS OF WORTHLESS

- Meditate on Scriptures that speak of God’s love, God’s acceptance, and God’s purpose for you.
- Be honest about your limitations and weaknesses. Invite God to work through them.
- Surround yourself with people who see God’s potential in you and encourage you.
- Remember where feelings of worthlessness originate. They are not from God..
- Look outward, serve others, and allow God’s love to flow through you.
- Fill your mind and heart with biblical and modern accounts of those whom God used despite, or because of, their weaknesses.

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10



Thoughts from Dawna . . . Strength in the Cracks



“For we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning our affliction which befell us in Asia, that we were weighed down exceedingly, beyond our power, insomuch that we despaired even of life.” 2 Corinthians 1:8 (ASV)

Paul didn’t sugarcoat it. He admitted he was *done*. Overwhelmed. Pushed past what he thought he could handle. That doesn’t sound like the polished faith we like to present on Sunday mornings — it sounds like what life actually feels like when you’re at the breaking point.

What strikes me is that Paul doesn’t hide the despair, but he doesn’t stop there either. He says the suffering “made us rely not on ourselves, but on God who raises the dead” (v. 9). That’s not a cheap slogan — that’s survival.

Faith isn’t about never feeling crushed. It’s about discovering God’s power when our own strength has given out. It’s realizing that the cracks in us are often where His grace seeps through.

Some of us don’t wake up feeling like “more than conquerors.” We wake up exhausted, unsure how to get through the day. That’s okay. If Paul himself admitted to despair, then struggling doesn’t disqualify us from faith, it makes us human. And it makes God’s strength that much more visible when He shows up in the wreckage.



We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. 2 Corinthians 4: 8-10

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58 STILL STANDING FIRM WITH MY MOM, DAWNA

It should be the passionate goal of our lives to reflect the character and attitudes of Christ. A great question to ask ourselves often is, “Am I acting and thinking like Christ?” The more I ask that question, the more likely I am to do what is right and avoid the consequences of sinful actions and attitudes.

Remembering that the Holy Spirit lives in me is also a powerful reminder of the real presence of God in my life. We have the power within us because of the presence of God’s Spirit, to do right, to reject sinful habits, attitudes and actions. It’s a matter of remembering and accessing that power that makes a daily difference for eternity. Christ lives in me.



I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. — Galatians 2:20



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY WITH US AND FOR US

- Pray for Chuck & Becky Evans. Chuck was diagnosed with a brain tumor. They are awaiting further testing and consultation with specialists. Chuck pastors Sprague Community Church.
- Pastor Kevin Che’n and his wife Janell as Kevin battles kidney failure. He is now on a transplant list.
- PRAISE: Country Bible Church in Dusty, WA has a new shepherd, Pastor Jad Crouch. Jad, his wife Amber and son Jack arrived late August. Pray their ministry is long and fruitful.
- Wisdom and health for our son, George II, with continuing health challenges
- God’s direction for a “Timothy”