



MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP PODCAST

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#6: The Value of the Leader

8 Part series designed to smash the limitations a poverty mentality places on a leader

Catch up:

1. **A POVERTY SPIRIT or poverty mentality** is a limiting way of thinking built on a spirit of lack, defeat, neglect of helplessness.
2. A Poverty Mentality is a **Gospel issue** - when the Gospel doesn't connect people to their Heavenly Father they are left trying to earn value from the world instead of receiving it from the Father.
3. Valuable people live valuable lives and add value to others. People who don't know their value shrink their lives to their low sense of value while desperately trying to earn value from the world.
4. The Father reveals your value through the way you were made
5. The Father reveals your value through what Jesus said

#6: Your Father reveals your value through the price He paid to get you back

Psalms 49:7-9 (NIV)

7 No one can redeem the life of another

or give to God a ransom for them—

8 the ransom for a life is costly,

no payment is ever enough—

9 so that they should live on forever

and not see decay.

No earthly price compares to the value the Father sees in us!

The greatest proof of our value is in the price God paid to redeem us from the separation of sin:

1 Peter 1:18-19 (NLT)

18 For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. 19 It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.

This price tag proves our great value to the Father

- We have to believe that we are valuable to God
- Not in an arrogant way but in a faith way

Testimony: How much will we pay for the church land?

- The local Municipality valued the land at R600 000
- But it was open to public tender. So how much should we bid?
- Word of the Lord "Pay the full price"
- We paid everything we had. Just over R1M and won the tender by a few hundred rand.
- We didn't pay what the municipally valued it at. We paid what we valued it at.
- BIG IDEA: God didn't pay what the world values us at. He paid what He valued us at. The highest price in the universe!

Old Testament - under law which is a performance based covenant

- We had to pay for our value
- Men were worth more than woman
- Probably because as soldiers and farmers that could perform more

Leviticus 27:1-4 (NIV)

1 The LORD said to Moses, 2 “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘If anyone makes a special vow to dedicate a person to the LORD by giving the equivalent value, 3 set the value of a male between the ages of twenty and sixty at fifty shekels of silver, according to the sanctuary shekel; 4 for a female, set her value at thirty shekels

In the New Testament - our value is not based on performance but by faith

- God paid on our behalf.
- And notice this:

Galatians 3:28 (NIV)

28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

BIG IDEA: God paid the same price for male and female, slave or free. Our value is not based on gender or economic status or wordily performance. Our value comes from the Father.

QUESTIONS:

Compare how valuable you FEEL, with the value the Father sees in you.

1. What is the primary factor that is currently setting your felt value? Eg. Performance, economic success etc.
2. How big is the gap between your felt value and Father revealed value?
3. Have you had a revelation of how insulting that gap is to the Father? Are you ready to repent of living by a wordily sense of felt value rather than your Father’s declared value?