

How Much I Matter To God

Meeting Jesus #5 of 13

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Four ways I determine my worth:

- Appearance.
 - Affluence.
 - Achievement.
 - Approval.
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Four truths of how much I matter to God:

1. No matter how small I feel, Jesus notices me. (v.5a)

When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. **Luke 19:5a (NLT)**

God never overlooks a single sparrow. And He pays even greater attention to you, down to the last detail- even numbering the hairs on your head! **Luke 12:6-7 (MSG)**

2. No matter who ignores me, Jesus knows me. (v.5a)

When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. **Luke 19:5a (NLT)**

Yet Jerusalem says, "The LORD has deserted us; the Lord has forgotten us." ¹⁵ "Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for a child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you! ¹⁶ See, I have written your name on my hand." **Isaiah 49:14-16a (NLT)**

3. No matter what I've done, Jesus wants me. (v.5)

When Jesus got there, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry down! I want to stay with you today." **Luke 19:5 (CEV)**

4. No matter what others say, Jesus affirms me. (v.7-9)

But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled. **Luke 19:7 (NLT)**

Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost." **Luke 19:9-10 (NLT)**

Question: How will I respond to Jesus?

Zacchaeus scrambled out of the tree, hardly believing his good luck, delighted to take Jesus home with him. **Luke 19:6 (MSG)**

Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!" **Luke 19:8 (NLT)**

Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." **John 14:23 (NIV)**
