



Misplaced Value

Genesis 29:31-35 Leah seeks love, acceptance, and approval.

True Value:

Ephesians 1:4 "For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight."

Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 8:38 "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Genesis 30:1-24 Rachel seeks status, identity, and respect.

True Value:

Matthew 19:30 "But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first."

Matthew 20:26-28 "Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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

Genesis 30:25-43 Jacob and Laban seek prosperity, wealth, and reward.

True Value:

Genesis 15:1 "After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: 'Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.'"

Matthew 16:24-25 "Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it."

Matthew 6:33 "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."



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- * **Finding our value in the world leads to discontent, jealousy, bitterness, division, shame, and misery.**

Compare to David in Psalm 16:5-6

*"Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.*

*The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance."*

- * **Finding our value in God leads to satisfaction, contentment, security, delight, and hope.**

"God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him" -John Piper

Discussion Questions

1. What is your biggest take away from this passage? What thought or idea impacted you the most this week?
2. In what ways do you find yourself seeking affirmation, status, or value from the world instead of from God? How can you turn your affections toward God instead?
3. "Identity" is a big word in our culture today. How does the Bible's view of our identity (in Christ) differ from what the world says about identity?
4. Read John Piper's statement (above) out loud. When are you most satisfied in the Lord? What do you need to surrender to Him in order to be satisfied in Christ alone?