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MESSAGE NOTES

Choosing Significance

Sunday, June 5 | Tommy Duke
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(Jesus) *“Don’t be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul.
Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”*

*What is the price of two sparrows—one copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground
without your Father knowing it. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered.
So don’t be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.*

*Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.
But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven.”*
– Matthew 10:28-33 (NLT)

MY GOALS IN LIFE CAN BE FOCUSED ON _____ OR

_____.

*“Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, ‘If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give
up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you
give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you
gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?’”*
– Mark 8:34–37 (NLT)

TO OVERCOME THE FEAR OF INSIGNIFICANCE, I...

- **VIEW MY LIFE’S _____ FROM _____.**

(Jesus) *“Don’t be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul....”*
– Matthew 10:28 (NLT)

*“For since the world began, no ear has heard and no eye has seen a God like you,
who works for those who wait for him!”* – Isaiah 64:4 (NLT)

*“‘My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,’ says the Lord. ‘And my ways are far beyond anything you could
imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my
thoughts higher than your thoughts.’”* – Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT)

*“Obviously, I’m not trying to win the approval of people, but of God.
If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ’s servant.”*
– Galatians 1:10 (NLT)

- **A _____ AND POWER OVER ALL OF MY LIFE.**

(Jesus) “...Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell.” – Matthew 10:28 (NLT)

“Lord, there is no one like you! For you are great, and your name is full of power.” – Jeremiah 10:6 (NLT)

“Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! He is to be feared above all gods.
The gods of other nations are mere idols, but the Lord made the heavens!”

– 1 Chronicles 16:25-26 (NLT)

- **L _____ MOMENT-BY-MOMENT KNOWING THAT GOD IS _____.**

(Jesus) “What is the price of two sparrows—one copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered.”

– Matthew 10:29-30 (NLT)

“See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don’t recognize that we are God’s children because they don’t know him.”

– 1 John 3:1 (NLT)

- **UNDERSTAND AND INTERNALIZE _____ OF MY _____.**

Memory Verse:

(Jesus) “So don’t be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.”

– Matthew 10:31 (NLT)

“So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.” – Genesis 1:27 (NLT)

“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. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but now in these last days he has been revealed for your sake.” – 1 Peter 1:18-20 (NLT)

- **EMBRACE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE AN _____ IMPACT BY _____.**

(Jesus) “Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven.”

– Matthew 10:32-33 (NLT)

“Jesus told them, ‘In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called “friends of the people.” But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For I am among you as one who serves.’” –

Luke 22:25-27 (NLT)

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Memorize Matthew 10:31.
- Pray for God's perspective in the decisions I make this week.
- Invite at least one person to the opening of our new *Character Builder* teaching series next Sunday, June 12, in-person at 11am.
- Volunteer to serve Jesus by helping with Vacation Bible School (Sun, June 12 – Wed, June 15; Family Night is Thurs, June 16).

*Don't miss next Sunday, June 12, as our new summer teaching series, *Character Builder* opens at FBC. We'll ask God to build our character as we examine the men and women of the Old Testament. It's a great Sunday to invite a friend to join you!

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