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HE NAILED IT!
"He Made Us Worthy"

1. To Be Worthy:

- a. Deserving
- b. Good
- c. Honest
- d. Important
- e. Valued

2. Deserving: John 8:1-11

- a. Most of us do not feel or understand that because of Jesus we are deserving of His love, grace, forgiveness, mercy and blessing.
- b. We no longer have to feel as if we don't deserve the breaks, favor or good things that come to our life.
- c. Because Jesus paid the ultimate price we are now deserving of all His benefits.

3. To Be Good:

- a. Jesus gave the woman caught in adultery a chance to be good.
- b. He saw beyond her exterior to a heart in need of forgiveness.
- c. He saw someone who was valuable even though she could not see value in herself.
- d. He did not leave her in her condition of sin.
- e. He saw good in her and by his forgiveness began the work of stripping away the appearance of what was only visible to the human eye and began to reveal her heart of hearts to her.
- f. He had come to pay the price for such as her and to nail her sins to the cross of Calvary.
- g. This woman is nameless because she represents many of us.

4. Honest: Philippians 4:8

- a. To be made worthy is to be made honest.
- b. A person who demonstrates honesty shows forth the character of Jesus, the Son.
- c. Philippians 4:8 - This scripture gives us a clear understanding of the things that God wants us to focus our attention on:
 - Those things that are true.
 - Things that are honest.
 - Things that are just.
 - Things that are lovely.
 - Things that bring a good report.
 - These things will help us endure severe difficulties.
- d. These things represent Jesus and as we take on his character and are conformed into His likeness, we are required to begin to do these things in our lives.

5. To Be Important: Matthew 19:30

- a. The world views your level of importance by the things you have acquired.
- b. By your popularity.
- c. By your financial status and by how prominent you are.

- d. Jesus said in Matthew 19:30:
 - Many that are first shall be last and the last shall be first.
 - It is evident that what and who we think are important, is not so in God's Kingdom.
 - He gives preferential treatment to many that would be chosen last in our society.
 - He sees beyond what they have acquired or obtained to the person he created them to be.
- e. Jesus understands that by the mere fact of their birth and their acceptance of Him they have now moved from last place to first place.

6. He Valued Us: 2 Tim. 4:6-8

- a. Jesus paid a tremendous price to bring value back to our lives.
- b. He was willing to pay a steep cost to show the high estimation God has placed on our life.
- c. He made us significant in our relationships not only to Him, but also to others.
- d. In going to the cross, Jesus demonstrated how worthy and how useful we were in God's eyes.
- e. Jesus took a woman who was caught in adultery, forgave her, redeemed her and replaced the high value that God had placed on her life.
- f. She had been degraded, devalued and use by so many, but God in his infinite love redeemed her from that state.
- g. When the scribes and Pharisees brought the woman to Jesus it is important to note that they did not bring the man. It takes two to have an adulterous affair, but it was easier to bring her because they did not value her
- h. They said the law of Moses said to stone her, (Lev. 20:10), but the law said to stone both the adulterer and the adulteress, not just one.
- i. It makes us wonder why they did not bring the man. Was he one of their sect and they were protecting him?
- j. But Jesus saw her value and had compassion on her.
 - She had been forced, ashamed and dragged before Jesus.
 - Jesus was probably angry at their treatment of her, hence the reason he did not look up and acknowledge them.
 - Jesus' statement, "You who are without sin cast the first stone," he was talking about the sin of adultery.
 - He caused her accusers to look at themselves and to determine if any of them were without that particular sin and could cast a stone at her.