“\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” IS THE PROBLEM

Matthew 16:24, Mark 8:34, Luke9:23

Jesus said if anyone wants to follow me…

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John 3:30

He must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but I must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 10:29-31

“Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.”

Matthew 13:45-46

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.”

 Luke 9:58 (NLT)

 “…Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place even to lay his head.”

Acts 20:28 (Berean Study Bible)

 “Keep watch over yourselves and the entire flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, **which He purchased with His own blood**.”

**I AM VALUABLE!!**

God examines us and he is well acquainted with our

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

He wants to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_the spots, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the wrinkles, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the abrasions of our brokenness, hurts, and pains.

Romans 8:1 (NLT)

“So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.”

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus will fill in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*If God almighty is not condemning us who are we to condemn ourselves or others?**

Psalm 118:8-9

“It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.”

Self-confidence is misleading because:

1. It focuses on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. It does not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. It can be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. It can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us

Philippians 3:12-16 (CEV)

“I have not yet reached my goal, and I am not perfect. But Christ has taken hold of me. So, I keep on running and struggling to take hold of the prize. My friends, I don’t feel that I have already arrived. But I forget what is behind, and I struggle for what is ahead. I run toward the goal, so that I can win the prize of being called to heaven. This is the prize that God offers because of what Christ Jesus has done. All of us who are mature should think in this same way. And if any of you think differently, God will make it clear to you. But we must keep going in the direction that we are now headed.”

1. Confidence that God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us – 1 John 5:14
2. Confidence that God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us – Jude 24
3. Confidence that God will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us – 2 Chronicles 32:8
4. Confidence that God wants us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to him – Psalm 145:8
5. Confidence that God will not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on us – Philippians 1:6
6. Confidence that God gives us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Philippians 4:13
7. Confidence that God gives us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Proverbs 3:26
8. Confidence that we are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ team – Psalm 20:7
9. Confidence in God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for us – Jeremiah 31:3
10. Confidence in God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Hebrews 10:35-36
11. Confidence in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God gives us – 2 Timothy 1:7
12. Confidence and trust in God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Proverbs 3:5-6
13. Confidence in God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Joshua 1:9
14. Confidence in God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in our lives – Isaiah 41:10
15. Confidence to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Proverbs 28:1

Philippians 2:3-4

“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.”

Philippians 2:5-8 (NKJV)

 “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

Three things I want to point out:

1. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ himself.
2. He took on the role of slave or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ himself.

Luke 14:11 (NKJV)

“For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Philippians 2:9

“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:”

1 Peter 5:6

“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:”

1 Corinthians 9:19 (ESV)

“For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them.”