

# The Value of the Individual

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Value of every individual demonstrated by Dawson Trotman.
- B. Trotman took him under his wing, helped him and taught him to help others.
- C. Text: Isaiah 43:1.
- D. Key theme: fear not - you are mine.
- E. Need: everyone feels worthless at times.

## II. You are valuable because of creation.

- A. God formed you. (Psalm 100:3)
- B. There are no such things as illegitimate children - only illegitimate parents.
- C. We have damaged the image we have been given from God because of sin, but God has done something about this as well.

## III. You are valuable because of redemption.

- A. God has redeemed us and bought us back.
- B. We are twice God's - sin separated us from God, but Jesus took our sins upon Himself upon the cross.

## IV. You are valuable because He called us.

- A. We were called to belong to Jesus Christ.
- B. You can ask Jesus into your life for the first time wherever you are at. (Romans 1:16)
- C. We are called to be like Christ by being with Christ. (Romans 8:29)
- D. We are called to bear fruit. (John 15:16)

## V. Conclusion: he has called you by name.

### **Application questions**

1. Why is every individual important? Which reason stands out to you? Explain.

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2. In what ways are we called by God?

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3. Do you know someone who can be encouraged in their own self-worth? What would you tell them in light of the message?

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