

My Status Makes Me Somebody

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Part 4 of the series "God Loves Nobodies"

Imagine if church seating was at all similar to traveling by air.

My status makes me somebody. But how do I _____ the right status?

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. (Acts 16:25)

Paul and Silas were somebodies in God's eyes but they were experiencing _____.

Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. (Psalm 73:24-26)

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ (Philippians 3:7-8)

Knowing your status in Christ gives you something to _____ about when you're treated like a nobody.

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30)

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." (Acts 16:31)

Nobodies become somebodies by _____ in the Lord Jesus!

Because of Jesus, we're always Gold Premier in _____ eyes.

Discussion Questions

1. Relying on your own view of yourself for status is a trap. It can make us unloving to those who have “no status ” in our eyes. It can also lead us to despair of ever thinking we can become a “somebody.” What has Jesus done for you that you need to believe?
2. Read Psalm 73 with your group. Describe what the Psalmist felt as he saw unbelievers enjoying “premier status.” Which verses show that he was able to process this and end up with a God-pleasing confidence?
3. How did St. Paul cope with experiencing both “nobody status” and “somebody status”? Look at Philippians 3:4b-11 and 4:10-13 How did he adjust his vision so he ended up seeing things with “Jesus goggles”? (Reference from Matt’s book)
4. Just read it. Buy the book God Loves Nobodies by Matthew Doebler. If we gather enough CrossLife interest, he is willing to lead a live video Q&A with us about the book and our series. How many people in your group have purchased the book?

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