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our value

"but the very hairs of your head are all numbered. do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows." luke 12:7

a well known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. in the room of 200, he asked, "who would like this \$20 bill?"

hands started going up.

he said, "i am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this." he proceeded to crumple the dollar bill up.

he then asked, "who still wants it?"

still the hands were up in the air.

"well," he replied, "what if i do this?" and he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe.

he picked it up, now all crumpled and dirty. "now who still wants it?" still the hands went into the air.

"my friends, you have all learned a very valuable lesson. no matter what i did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. it was still worth \$20.

many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way.

we feel as though we are worthless. but no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. you are special – don't ever forget it!

how valuable are you? costly enough that your Creator would shed His blood to have continued fellowship with you. "but the very hairs of your head are all numbered. do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows." matt 10:30-31

it doesn't matter how crumpled or ground into the dirt you are. "and when I passed by you and saw you struggling in your own blood, I said to you in your blood, 'live!' yes, I said to you in your blood, 'live!'" eze 16:6

i don't know that any of us could really describe the love God has for us. His patience, His giving, His comfort ... these are merely demonstrations of His gentle wooing. we just need to believe that, and then to trust Him with the faith we offer up. trust Him to complete that good work He has begun in you and fall completely and helplessly in love with Him. it doesn't matter how crumpled up or ground into the dirt one is - He will make something beautiful of your life.