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PA#1 God Made You Unique PA#1

On the ox cart this morning there are six children, all of whom have some type of physical deformity or disability. The oldest is Aditya. She is fourteen years old but is also one of the shortest. Aditya has metaphyseal dysplasia. Meaning she is under four feet tall, very similar to the size of a dwarf. Though she has short arms, tiny hands and very short legs, there is one God-given talent the teenage girl has – an amazing singing voice.

No Dark Clouds A Tale of the Christ, Chapter 1

….. With a confused and skeptical tone of voice, Beggar Boy asks, "Why are you so nice to me? You aren't bothered by my face?" For a moment, Mishea looks into the eyes of the boy. This makes Beggar Boy feel very uncomfortable and he looks away. "Your face and your heart are two different things. I can't see your heart by your face. And it is your heart that makes you – you! You are unique, and God loves you as a unique person. So, it is all right to be different." "Yes, I have a lot of unically about me," he boasts. "Unique. The word is – unique," Mishea says. "Yeah, that's what I mean, unique."

Beggar Boy and Mishea, No Dark Clouds A Tale of the Christ, Chapter 5

When Mishea tells Beggar Boy, "*Your face and your heart are two different things,"* what do you think she is trying to help him understand about where true identity comes from?

Aditya has a visible disability but also a remarkable gift. How does her story challenge the idea that physical differences make someone "less," and what does it reveal about the way God designs each person?

Many people, at some point in their lives, wrestle with questions like *Who am I? Why don't I feel special? Why do others seem more talented, confident, or purposeful than I am?* These questions often rise quietly in the heart, especially when we compare ourselves to the people around us. It's easy to feel average or unnoticed, as if everyone else has something meaningful to offer while we fade into the background.

But Scripture tells a very different story about who you are and how God sees you. Your worth is not measured by comparison, popularity, or visible talent. It begins with a foundational truth: **you were created intentionally by God Himself.** You are not a random mix of traits or a mistake in the design. You carry a God-given identity that no one else can duplicate.

Psalm 139:16 teaches that every one of your days was written in God's book before any of them came to be. This is a mystery far beyond our understanding, yet it reveals something profound: **your life is not accidental.** God's involvement in your story began long before you were born, and His design for you remains purposeful even when you cannot see it clearly.

The Bible explains that human uniqueness originates in God's creative work. Genesis 1:27 tells us that humanity was formed in His image. This means every person reflects something of God's character and intention. Differences in appearance, personality, abilities, and experiences are not flaws—they are expressions of His creativity. No one is an accident, and no one is overlooked.

Scripture also points us toward the future God is preparing. Revelation 21:5 reminds us that one day, in the renewed creation, believers will fully live out the identity God intended from the beginning—without the distortions caused by sin, insecurity, or brokenness. Until that day comes, we can trust that God equips each person in unique ways for His purposes. The New Testament describes the body of Christ as a community where every member has a different function, and those differences are essential for unity and strength. Variation is not a deficit; it is part of God's design for how His people work together.

Still, feelings of inadequacy are real. Sometimes they come from how we see ourselves—comparing our weaknesses to someone else's strengths. Sometimes they come from cultural pressure, from not yet discovering our gifts, or from painful experiences like rejection, criticism, or bullying. God affirms the worth of every person, yet the effects of sin—the "curse of creation"—can cloud our sense of identity. Even so, God continues to redeem what is broken and restore what has been damaged.

Your uniqueness is not something you have to earn. It is something God has already woven into your being. As you learn to see yourself through His eyes, you begin to understand that your life carries meaning, purpose, and value that no one else can replace. God made you intentionally. God made you thoughtfully. **God made you unique.**

Reflection

Take a moment to slow down and think honestly about how you see yourself. Many of us carry quiet doubts—feelings that we are not enough, not gifted enough, or not important enough. These thoughts can shape how we move through the world, even when we don't realize it. But God invites you to see yourself through His eyes, not through the lens of comparison or insecurity.

You were created with intention. Your personality, your strengths, your struggles, and even your story are part of a design that God has been shaping since before you were born. Instead of asking, "Why am I not like someone else?" consider asking, "What has God placed in me that reflects His creativity?" When you begin to recognize the unique ways God has formed you, you can live with greater confidence and purpose. You don't have to compete with anyone else. You simply have to be faithful with the identity God has given you.

As you reflect, invite God to help you see the parts of yourself you may have overlooked or undervalued. Ask Him to heal the places where comparison or past wounds have distorted your sense of worth. God delights in who He made you to be, and He is patient as you learn to see yourself the same way.

Scripture Nuggets

"For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well." *Psalm 139:13–14*

"Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them." *Psalm 139:16*

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations." *Jeremiah 1:5*

"So, God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." *Genesis 1:27*

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them." *Ephesians 2:10*

"But now, O LORD, You are our Father, we are the clay, and You our potter; And all of us are the work of Your hand." *Isaiah 64:8*

"For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly…" *Romans 12:4–6*

"Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows." *Matthew 10:29–31*

Reflection Questions

1. When you face self-doubt or wonder about your purpose, which Scripture Nugget speaks most clearly to you, and why?

2. If someone asked you, "*Does God overlook me? Am I a mistake?"* how would you respond?

Christ Restores Our True Identity

When Jesus triumphed over sin on the cross, He broke the power of everything that distorts our sense of worth—comparison, insecurity, shame, and the effects of the curse. Through Christ, we are invited to live as the people God designed us to be.

"For the body is not one member, but many… But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired." *1 Corinthians 12:14, 18*

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." *2 Corinthians 5:17*

"And He who sits on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.'" *Revelation 21:5*