

# VIDEO PRESENTATION



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## **ARE WE SIGNIFICANT?**

### **1. WHAT IS LIFE ALL ABOUT?**

- A. Most people never think about its meaning
  - 1. For some, life is too miserable to think about its meaning
  - 2. For others, life is too much fun to worry about
  - 3. By not focusing on it, we become "hollow people"
- B. Earthly life is temporary; foolish to live thoughtlessly!

### **2. LIFE AS ADAM'S CHILDREN LIVE IT**

- A. What we inherit from Adam:
  - 1. Physical life
  - 2. Loss of relationship with God
- B. How Adam's children become "significant"
  - 1. By their performance
  - 2. By what we and others think of it
- C. Even church activities can be used in this way

### **3. LIFE AS GOD'S CHILDREN LIVE IT**

- A. The significance of the cross
  - 1. The payment for our adoption
  - 2. The proof of God's great love
  - 3. The entrance into a permanent relationship with God
- B. The requirements for Sonship
  - 1. A desire to have a relationship with God
  - 2. A readiness to be adopted

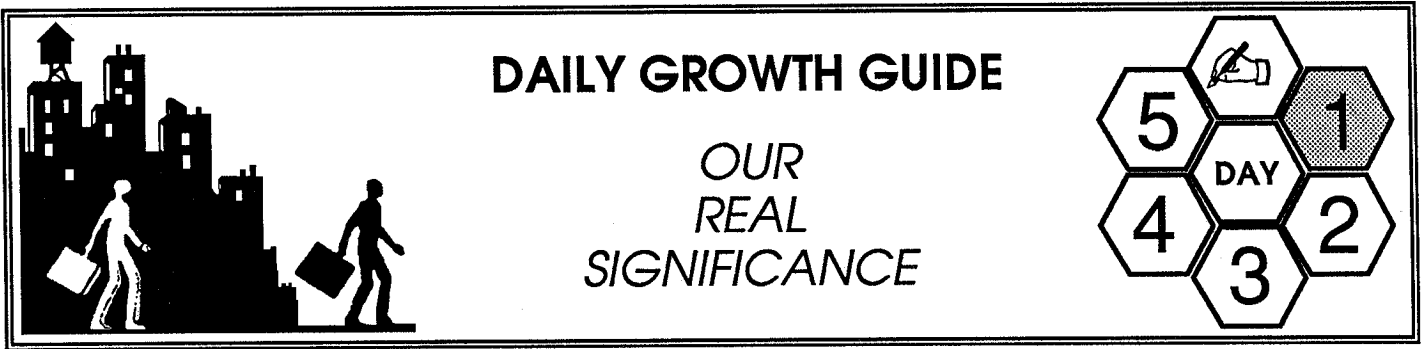
### **4. THE RIGHTS OF THE ADOPTED CHILD**

- A. Parent cannot ever disown the child
- B. Parent gives his name to child
- C. Parent provides home, lifestyle, love for child
- D. Parent provides protection at all times
- E. Parent includes child in his will

### **5. WHAT MAKES CHRISTIANS SIGNIFICANT**

- A. Our adoption...nothing else!
- B. Our relationship makes us significant
  - 1. No tasks required, no obligations to fulfill
  - 2. The significance of the cross leaves nothing for us to do

### **6. OUR SIGNIFICANCE COMES FROM WHO WE ARE, NOT FROM WHAT WE DO!**



**DAY ONE: WHAT MADE MARTHA FEEL SIGNIFICANT?**

SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 10:38-42

**1. Which sister would probably make the following statements?**

Martha

Mary



"My performance is the most important thing in my life."



"Being is far more important than doing."



"Our performance is important, but secondary."



"Impressing others is important. Put your best foot forward."



"When I have not done well I have a feeling of worthlessness."



"My significance is based on my relationship with God."



"I worry about what others think of me."



"Persons are the rare jewels in God's universe."

**2. Check the items below which make you feel significant:**

Possessions (car, house, clothes, bank account)

Regular, meaningful times of fellowship with the Father through prayer

My friends, who compliment me on my achievements

The knowledge that I am deeply loved by God

My performance at work or in the classroom

Sharing the news of my adoption with Adam's children

My talents and abilities (athletic, music, business, etc.)

**ON THE BASIS OF YOUR ANSWERS, ARE YOU MORE LIKE MARY OR MARTHA?**

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:**

**MY GREATEST NEED IN LIFE IS TO FEEL SIGNIFICANT. ALL MY PERSONAL PROBLEMS, APART FROM PHYSICAL ILLNESS, STEM FROM TRYING TO MEET THIS NEED. WHENEVER I BASE MY WORTH UPON MY PERFORMANCE, I MAKE A SERIOUS MISTAKE. MY TRUE SIGNIFICANCE IS ROOTED ONLY IN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER.**

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## **ARE SONS ALSO SERVANTS?**

### **1. PAIS: A FAMILY WORD**

- A. Translated "child," or "son"
  - 1. Matthew 17:18
  - 2. In King James, "child"
  - 3. In New American Standard Version, "son"
- B. Used to describe a **relationship**

### **2. PAIS: A SERVANT WORD**

- A. Translated "servant"
  - 1. Matthew 14:1-2
  - 2. Used here exclusively as "servant"
- B. To be a SON is to be a SERVANT
  - 1. Acts 3:13, 26; 4:27, 30
  - 2. Interchangeably "son" and "servant"
- C. Isaiah 42:1 and Matthew 12:18

### **3. SONSHIP MAKES US SERVANTS**

- A. Jesus, God's only begotten Son, was a Servant
  - 1. His own claim: Luke 22:27, Matthew 20:28
  - 2. His very **nature** was that of a servant
  - 3. What He did was the result of who He was
- B. His very nature has been placed within us
  - 1. I John 4:13-17
  - 2. His Spirit inside us will cause us to be servants

### **4. A NORMAL CHRISTIAN IS A SERVANT OF GOD**

- A. Mark 9: Jesus confronts His disciples with this fact
- B. Verse 36: We serve without expecting rewards
- C. Our service is the result of a **relationship**
- D. Illustration: Mayor's chauffeur in Seoul, Korea
- E. Who do we serve? **ALL**

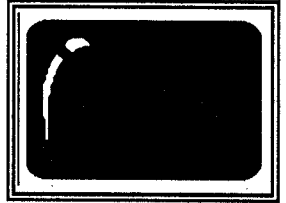
### **5. THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR BEING GOD'S SERVANTS**

- A. **Only** the adopted can explain what adoption is like
- B. Adam's children need their conception of God changed
  - 1. They view Him as a powerful ruler
  - 2. In fact, our God has a servant heart of love

### **6. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF BEING GOD'S SERVANT**

- A. We are free from the pressure of "winning" and "losing"
- B. As a son, not a servant, I reject being my own master
- C. My greatest joy comes from relating to God and His work

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## **IS WHAT WE DO SIGNIFICANT?**

### **1. OUR NEW LIFE STYLE**

- A Begins with faith in the Father
  - 1. God keeps His promises
  - 2. Until we take the step of faith, we have none
  - 3. Once taken, we have all the faith there is
- B. Now we are significant...because we're adopted

### **2. ENTERING OUR NEW LIFE STYLE**

- A "Kingdom" - place where God reigns as Master
  - 1. Our King asks us to become "Administrators"
  - 2. This is a deliberate choice on our part
- B. Two lifestyles among God's children
  - 1. Enjoy benefits, become significant "Adam's way"
  - 2. Accept our significance, become an Administrator
- C. Choice of lifestyles changes way we function

### **3. AN ALLEGORY ILLUSTRATING TWO LIFESTYLES**

- A Contrast of two brothers in the "family"
  - 1. James: close relationship with the Father
  - 2. Alfred: determined to be "Number one"
  - 3. Same house, radically different lifestyles
- B. Their attitudes toward the Father
  - 1. Both love and respect him
  - 2. Only James desires to spend time with him

### **4. THE FATHER'S PROPOSAL**

- A His deep love for the Children of Adam
- B. His willingness to share his wealth with his sons
- C. Requests they become Administrators
- D. Objective: encourage Sons of Adam to be adopted
- E. Balance of their lifestyles left free

### **5. THE SON'S REACTION**

- A James: no real love for Adam's children
- B. Alfred: no desire to do the Father's will
  - 1. He enjoys the provisions of his adopted life
  - 2. He thinks and lives like a Son of Adam

### **6. SUMMARY**

- A Our relationship with God isn't related to works
- B. We now qualify to be His Administrators
- C. Doing so doesn't increase our worth - but it reflects our love!