



WEEKLY ACTION

Find and play a worship song that reminds you about God's complete acceptance of you. Sing with gusto; God's acceptance washes away your shame!

TAKEAWAYS

- Run to Jesus to experience His acceptance, worth and honor
 - You are accepted in Jesus.
 - You are made worthy in Jesus.
 - You are made honorable in Jesus.
- In Jesus, you are not only saved, but you are also honored.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:16, 19-20, 22-23; Romans 3:23; 6:23; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 1:8-9

QUESTIONS

1. When you feel ashamed and forget about God's grace and mercy, how do you typically behave? How would you act differently if you remembered that God covers your sins and finds you worthy?
2. God says that you are worthy, even when you do not feel valuable. In 2 Corinthians, Paul reminds us that the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross erases our sins and covers our shame. Describe a time in your life that someone made you feel valuable and accepted when you did not expect or deserve it?
3. Pastor John reminds us that by running to God, we can claim His acceptance, worth and honor. What specific area in your life do you need to acknowledge God's acceptance, worth and honor and release your shame?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. Think about how you feel after replacing something old and worn (car, shoes, clothes) with a brand new one, and describe how these feelings relate to the verse.
5. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. This is our new identity in Christ, and we get to learn how to live this way. How have you been able to see this in your own life? Share with the group.
6. Read Psalm 130:3; Romans 3:23, 6:23; Matthew 28:27-28; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Hebrews 10:19-24. Restate the truths you find here in a sentence about you. How does the truth of this sentence change the way you live your life?