

# You Are Somebody

2 Peter 3:9 & Romans 5:1-8

On Monday I heard an old Dean Martin song I'm sure most of us are familiar with, "You're Nobody Till Somebody Loves You." It made me think about how many folks feel unloved. Those same people either have low self-esteem or have become bitter over the years. In the way of the world, Dean Martin's words ring somewhat true.

Maybe it is true that we're nobody until somebody loves us. The good news is God loves you. Even when we feel like the whole world is against us, Jesus loves us. In God's economy each of us is "somebody." You are precious to your heavenly Father. In addition to those verses above, Luke Jesus reminds us that God never forgets us. Isaiah says He knows your name. Over and over again God tells us of His great love for us. When you're having a bad day, take a deep breath and remember that Jesus loves you. Just tell yourself that you are important to the Almighty God. The Creator of the entire Universe thinks you are special! You are somebody!

I wonder, too, how might the world be different if people began to understand 2 Peter 3:8 and Romans 5:1-8? If we can somehow share with the world that they are somebody because they are loved, how might lives be changed? Would the crime rate go down? Would abuse happen less?

But let's face it. Sharing this concept with the world is a difficult task. It's nearly impossible. However, what IS possible is making sure our children understand the endless love that God has for them. In Deuteronomy God tells parents to teach their children when they are home, on the road, when they lie down and when they get up. If we really spent that much time helping our children learn how much God really does love them, if they could begin to grasp at a young age that they are "somebody," and learn what serving this loving God means, imagine the possibilities. We may not change the world, but consider how we will change our children

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