

THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE



WEEK 1

DAY 1 Read 1 Samuel 16:7

Have you ever eaten pineapple right out of a can? Or how about drinking the sweet pineapple juice? Then you know just how delicious this exotic fruit really is. But have you ever seen a fresh pineapple before it is cut? It's spiny, sharp and looks downright inedible.

Imagine if no one ever gave pineapple a chance because of its outward appearance! What about people? Is there someone in your life who others pass by because of the way this person looks—or acts or talks? Who can you try to show honor to today and how will you do it? Write that person's name in the box below!

THANK God for looking into our hearts and finding us valuable!



GIVING THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF HONOR

DAY 2 Read 1 Samuel 2:8

It's easy to think that certain people are more valuable than others. Glossy magazine covers show us what the "ideal" person should look like, buy, eat, and wear. But God doesn't care about all that stuff. He looks past the exterior and looks deep into our hearts. In fact, He uses what the world might consider "unlikely" people in His story.

It's easy to find examples of people who were overlooked at one point in their lives. Try matching these two columns together to see what unlikely people later became surprisingly successful:

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| 1. Orphan | _____ Joni Eareckson Tada, painter |
| 2. 5'6" man | _____ Alexis Thompson, professional golfer |
| 3. 15 year old girl | _____ Steve Jobs, founder of Apple |
| 4. A quadriplegic | _____ Spud Webb, winner of 1986 NBA Slam Dunk contest |

ASK God to help you honor those HE would honor.



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DAY 3 Read Psalm 139:13-14

Have you ever heard about someone who looks at life through “rose-colored glasses”? It’s an expression that refers to someone who sees things as better than they really are—basically a super-positive person. Know anyone like that?

Wouldn’t it be cool if we could look at each other that way? If we could see each other as God sees us, then we’d really see how much value we each have. After all, the God who created each of us—who knew us before we born—thinks we’re pretty wonderful.

Go find and put on some sunglasses, then walk around your house looking at your family members and imagining how God sees them. Let them know that you see how valuable they really are by saying one positive thing you’ve noticed about them lately.

LOOK at others the way God does!



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DAY 4 Read Luke 14:7-9.

It’s easy to think your parents, teachers, or older sister have never felt overlooked. But the truth is that all of us have felt that way at one time or another, because there’s almost always someone viewed as “more important” than we are.

A crown might be the most recognizable symbol of honor. Kings and queens most commonly wear them, signifying their status as royalty. When we see kings and queens on TV or in movies, often they’re even raised up above the crowd.

Bust out your construction paper, scissors, and markers and make your own crown or a card. Then go find one person who is older than you—a parent or brother or a coach or neighbor—and ask them to tell you about a time they felt overlooked or not so valuable. Give them the crown or card you made and tell them at least one reason why you look up to them.

KNOW that God see all of us as valuable—He honors us. Picture everyone you meet with a crown on their head!

