

Necessary Tensions

Week Three: Value Appraisal

Sunday, October 22, 2023

"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"

Matthew 6:26 (NIV)

1. **D** _____: "I am _____."

2. **O** _____: "I am _____."

3. _____ **in Jesus.**

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

* **First Value: C** _____.

"Then God said, 'Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us...' ²⁷ So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."

Genesis 1:26a, 27 (NLT)

"All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one."

Psalms 14:3 (NIV)

4. _____ **the Tension.**

A. Too Much.

* **Look** _____.

"I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me."

Philippians 3:12 (NLT)

* **Look** _____.

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴ Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."

Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)

B. Too Little.

* **Look** _____.

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."

Hebrews 12:2-3 (NIV)

* **Look** _____.

"He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us."

2 Corinthians 1:4 (NLT)

"Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2 (NLT)

"Singing cheerful songs to a person with a heavy heart is like taking someone's coat in cold weather or pouring vinegar in a wound."

Proverbs 25:20 (NLT)

Where I Need to Look: _____
