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Series: Good For The Soul

Part 5: Your Soul - The Real Story

[Invite a few people to share about a time when they misunderstood a conversation, misread a situation, or otherwise discovered they had arrived at an inaccurate narrative about something, that resulted in significant emotional turmoil for you and/or someone else. For example, misinterpreting someone's intentions or motivations.]

What stood out to you most in last Sunday's message?

What were some things that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

What are some examples of things that happen during the day that we might interpret as being negative, and perhaps so minor that they are outside of God's realm of concern?

READ: Matthew 10:29–31 (NLT)

“What is the price of two sparrows—one copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows”

What is Jesus' point in these verses?

- What does he want you to *know*?
- What does he want you to *feel*?
- What does he want you to *do*?

Is there any part of your life that is so small and insignificant that God has no *awareness of or concern about*?

Understanding that God loves you more than you can possibly imagine, what would be the difference between going through your day as if God was aware of *and* working in everything you experience during the day, versus going through your day as if everything you experience was random, purposeless, and without God's involvement?

- What would be the difference in your overall emotional state?
- What would the effect be on your relationship with God?
- What would be the effect on your relationship with others?

Invite some to summarize the event that is recorded in John 11:1-45 (which we looked at last Sunday.)

What most stands out to you about this passage?

Is there anything that is confusing about this passage?

Why did Jesus wait until Lazarus was dead to go to be with Martha and Mary?

What did Jesus mean when he said, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world’s light. It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.” (verse 9-10)

What does the fact that “Jesus wept” tell you about him?

What else can you learn from this passage?

Is there ever a time when Jesus wants us to feel depressed? hopeless? anxious? resentful? fearful?

Closing verse:

“They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord. Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.” Psalm 112:7–8 (NIV)