

MYTH 4: WHAT I DO DOESN'T MATTER

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MYTHBUSTERS
BUSTING COMMON MYTHS
OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Matthew 10:30 (NLT)³⁰And the very hairs on your head are all numbered.

Matthew 6:25-30 (NLT)²⁵“That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? ²⁷Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? ²⁸“And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, ²⁹yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. ³⁰And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?”

Psalms 139:1-5 (NLT)¹O LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. ²You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. ³You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. ⁴You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD. ⁵You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head.

Psalms 139:13-18 (NLT)¹³You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. ¹⁵You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. ¹⁶You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. ¹⁷How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! ¹⁸I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!

*What do you think about the statement
What I do doesn't matter?*

Four Biblical Principles:

1) God CARES AND KNOWS about the details of your life.

✓ Matthew 10:30, Matthew 6:25-30, Psalm 139:1-5, Psalm 139:13-18

*In God's eyes, you are not simply just 1 of the
6,634,499,662 people who live on the earth. You are
someone who God cares about deeply and He knows
and cares about the details of your life!*

2) Every person has a POSITIVE AND/OR NEGATIVE impact on at least a few other people.

Something to think about...

Who in your life has had a negative impact on you?

Who in your life has had a positive impact on you?



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Exodus 20:1-6 (NLT) ¹Then God gave the people all these instructions: ²"I am the LORD your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery. ³"You must not have any other god but me. ⁴"You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. ⁵You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. ⁶But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands.

Romans 12:10 (NLT) ¹⁰Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

Ephesians 4:31-32 (NLT) ³¹Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³²Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Philippians 2:1-4 (NLT) ¹Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? ²Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. ³Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT) ¹¹So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

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for a new Christmas
Sermon Series entitled
"Unwrapping The Gift
of Jesus."*

3) Sinful and bad choices that you make often impacts the lives of those around you in NEGATIVE WAYS.

- ✓ Biblical examples include Adam and Eve, Noah, and David
- ✓ See Exodus 20:1-6 for one of several Scriptures that talk about this

4) You can make a positive difference in the lives of others if you will INTENTIONALLY WORK at doing it.

- ✓ See Romans 12:10, Ephesians 4:31-32, Philippians 2:1-4, and 1 Thessalonians 5:11

*The question isn't really whether your life matters.
The real question is "how does it matter?" Does it
impact others in a positive way or a negative way?*

*Your life matters to God and
what you do matters to God!*

How to Begin a Relationship with Jesus

Believe that Jesus is who He said He was, that He came and died on the cross, and that He arose from the dead three days later.

Acknowledge your sins and ask God to forgive you.

Submit yourself to follow God's teachings for life.

Express your desire to have this kind of relationship to God.

For more information about what it means to become a follower of Christ or what to do after you make a decision to follow Jesus, speak to one of the elders or pastors following the service today (they can be found by the prayer room in the church lobby) or contact the church office (717-762-7147) to set up an appointment. You may also request materials and find additional information to help you on your spiritual journey on our website by clicking on the "Beginning Your Journey" link.

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