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A Walk in the Word

Small Bites

YOU MATTER

Scripture: Psalms 8:4 - What is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

Observation: David is praising God as our Creator and praising him that he cares for us amongst all things he created.

Application/Analysis: You absolutely matter!! Know this, Accept this as fact regardless of any feeling or mood and regardless of whatever you may have done. God says that we are fearfully and wonderfully made (Ps 139:14). He says that he knew us before we were formed in the womb (Jer 1:5). He says even though today we rate slightly below the angels, one day we will be judge over them. If that is the case, You and I must internalize that you matter, I matter, all humans matter. We are God's treasure and as Jesus said, "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Matt 6:21)." So knowing all this means we know God loves us and we know he loved us first (1 John 4:19). Therefore, we need also love one another without condition or qualification or status or earning. Yes, the parent, the sibling, the spouse, the addict, the homeless, the rich, the poor, the other race, the LGBTQ+, the sinner, the saint ... all get our love above pets, possessions, and the planet. Lives matter above all else and love is the nexus, the binder that connects us all. We need to allow God's love to flow through us to each other in action and in deeds.

Prayer: Father in Heaven, thank you for creating us and loving us first. Teach us to love as you do and may we serve you and others with the priority that you set as you demonstrate you love to us in action. In Jesus Name - AMEN!

Takeaway: Love is an action word. Be a Christ-like example and lead with love and kindness in all that you do.