

“HOW MUCH MORE” COMPARISONS FROM JESUS

“You are much more valuable than they!” (creation)

Matthew 6:26 “Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet I, your heavenly Father feed them. Are you not **much more valuable** than they? . . . If that is how I your God clothe the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, **will I not much more** clothe you—you of little faith?” (v.30).

“If you . . . How much more !”

Luke 15:4-7 “Then Jesus told them this parable: ‘Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them (or a woman loses a silver coin, v. 8) . . . And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you that **in the same way there will be more rejoicing** in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.” *(Personalized: “If you feel this way about a ‘pet’ or a ‘treasured possession,’ HOW MUCH MORE DO I FEEL ABOUT YOU, VALUE YOU, CARE ABOUT YOU! HOW MUCH MORE DO I ACT ON YOUR BEHALF!”)*

Matthew 12:11-12 “He said to them, ‘If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out? How much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.’” (Also, Luke 13:15-16; 14:5). *(Personalized: “If you promptly responded to your ‘pet’s’ need because you care for and value it, how much more do I love you, care about you and respond to your needs! How much more valuable you are to me!”)*

Matthew 7:9-11 “Which of you, if your son or daughter asks for bread, will give them a stone? Or if they ask for a fish, will give them a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will I, your Father in heaven, give good gifts to you when you ask Me! *(Personalized: “If you care about your children, love your children that much and respond to their needs, how much more do I love and care about you and provide for your needs!”)*

Romans 8:31-32 “If I, your God, am for you, who can be against you? I who did not spare My own Son, but gave him up for you—how will I not also, along with him, graciously give you all things?”

Philippians 4:19 “And I, your God, will meet all your needs according to the riches of My glory in Christ Jesus” . . . **2 Corinthians 9:8** “For I, your God, am able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

“If they . . . how much more I?”

2 Corinthians 7:6-7 “But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, and not only by his coming but also by the comfort you had given him. He told us about your longing for me, your deep sorrow, your ardent concern for me, so that my joy was greater than ever.”