

A Father's Joy

Matthew 18:10

Value

- Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?
- whoever humbles himself like this little child

Value

- See that you do not look down on
 - one of these little ones
 - disciples, fellow believers
 - “despise, treat with contempt”
 - “consider unimportant”
 - “care nothing for, disregard”

Value

- For I tell you that their angels in heaven
 - always see the face of my Father in heaven

Value

- Angels are concerned for believers and serve them.
- All believers have God's attention.

Value

- The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love...
- Psalm 33:18

Value

- For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.
- 2 Chron. 16:9

Value

- Value your brothers and sisters in Christ the way that God values them.

Rescue

- If a man owns a hundred sheep,
• one of them wanders away

• believers who have gone astray

Rescue

- will he not leave the ninety-nine
• to look for the one that wandered off?

• “seek”
• “devote serious effort, strive for”

Rescue

- I have strayed like a lost sheep.
Seek your servant,
for I have not forgotten
your commands.
- Psalm 119:176

Rescue

- Ezekiel 34:11-16
• I myself will search for my sheep and look after them.
• I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered...
• I will search for the lost and bring back the strays.

Rescue

- The Lord will seek out and save those who wander off.
- We must seek out brothers and sisters who turn away from the Lord.

Rejoice

- if he finds it,
 - he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off.

Rejoice

- In the same way
 - your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost.

Rejoice

- I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

- 3 John 4

Rejoice

- We share God's joy in the salvation of others.

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- Value your brothers and sisters in Christ.
- Seek to rescue them if they wander off.
- Rejoice in their salvation.