



Psalm 103:13-14 (NIV)

“As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;
for he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.”

It was recommended that we see a specialist at a local university medical center. This would be the doctor that would decide if further treatment would help our chances to have another child. An appointment was scheduled and on that day in January we got dressed and ready to leave. I remember Rod looking so nice in his sport coat. I’m sure I remember it so well because he only dressed that way for special occasions.

Most of us don’t “dress up” to go to the doctor. But I know that Rod, in his way, was recognizing the importance and significance of the appointment and wanted to be dressed appropriately. After all, we were meeting a well known doctor! Shouldn’t we look special and worthy of his help?

Worthy. I think that is the key word. If this doctor was so well known, would he be willing to help us? Were we good enough to “qualify” for his expertise? I think Rod dressed up because we both felt that maybe we weren’t worthy of this expert’s help. Similarly, many of us feel so unworthy of God’s love. Unworthy of his care. Unworthy of his interest. We attempt to dress ourselves up with good works, busyness in the church, knowledge and degrees and any other thing that makes us feel or appear worthy of God’s love and help.


Did the doctor care about our dream? Were we big enough or good enough or special enough to qualify for his help? Did he notice us? We ask the same thing of God. Does he care? Does he notice? Does he understand our troubles? Are we special to Him?

Thankfully, God does care. We may not think He notices or cares. But He does. He created us. He gave us emotions and feelings. He knows our troubles. He understands our pain. We are precious to Him. The truth is, we can’t be good enough, look good enough or even “qualify” for His care. But because of His mercy and grace, we don’t have to be. God gave His Son because He is our perfect and compassionate Father. And His Son, Jesus Christ, makes the unworthy worthy.

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