PASTOR'S PATCH



A father said to his daughter "You have graduated with honours, here is a Jeep I bought many years ago. It is pretty old now. But before I give it to you, take it to the used car dealer in town and ask much they'll offer you for it."

The daughter went to the dealer and then returned to her father and said, "They offered me £1,000 because they said it looks pretty worn out."

The father said, now "Take it to the pawn shop."

The daughter went to the pawn shop, returned to her father and said, "The pawn shop offered only £100 because it is an old Jeep."

The father asked his daughter to go to the local Jeep club and show it to them. The daughter then took the Jeep to the club, returned and told her father, "one chap in the club offered nearly £100,000 for it because he said it's a rare, iconic Jeep and sought by many collectors.

Now the father said to his daughter, "The right place values you the right way. If you are not valued, do not be angry, it means you are in the wrong place. Those who know your value are those who appreciate you. Never stay in a place where no one sees your value."

It's a great story, with an important message. Jesus said to his followers (who would face opposition in life)

'I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. But I will show you whom you should fear: fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Luke chapter 12 verses 4-7

In God's kingdom, we have immense worth, so much so that God gave his one and only Son for us. So stay where you are valued, stay in His kingdom, stay close to the Lord, loving Him with all that is within you, filled with His Holy Spirit and serve the one who knows your true worth.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!

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