

# “LIVING FROM APPROVAL”

## Journey Home, Part 3

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*“You are my son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”*  
Mark 1:11

*“If you are the Son of God...”*  
Luke 4:3

*For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.*  
Revelation 12:10

*When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.*  
Luke 4:13-14

Are you living from approval, or for approval?

### Journey workbook Page 44-45

I like to be seen as \_\_\_\_\_.

People would describe me as \_\_\_\_\_.

If I had a personal “Brand” it would be \_\_\_\_\_.

I want \_\_\_\_\_ to know that I’m good enough.

I have a really hard time if \_\_\_\_\_ criticizes me.

I feel good when I impress \_\_\_\_\_.

I get frustrated when \_\_\_\_\_ doesn’t notice the work I do.

I feel like I’m constantly trying to prove myself to \_\_\_\_\_.

I care a lot about what \_\_\_\_\_ thinks of me.

The Orphan Approval Equation  
My Worth = My Performance + Other People’s Opinions

### God’s Approval Equation

My Worth = What God Paid For Me

*But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.*

Romans 5:8

*I’m not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ’s servant.*

Galatians 1:10

*For they loved human praise more than the praise of God.*

John 12:43

God loves me and is well pleased with me.

*“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior... Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give nations... and peoples in exchange for your life.*

*Do not be afraid, for I am with you... Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”*

Isaiah 43:1-7