

unveiled brilliance

day 11

irreplaceable



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RUMMAGING THROUGH AN unused dresser, I found it. The vibrant oranges, blues, and pinks hadn't faded much. I pulled it out from the

dresser and stared at the lace, admiring the homemade stitching on each layer.

With its vintage patterns, I instantly fell in love with my mom's old blouse. She wore it as a British hippy in the 1970s. The lady who sold it to her said it had been made from an antique bed spread!

My first chance to wear it on stage was at a summer festival near the Great Lakes. A mom and her daughter greeted me afterwards. They were eager to know where I shop. I smiled and told her the story of my well-traveled top. Later I grabbed a hot dog, loaded it with mustard, and thought, "I better eat this carefully. I'll never find another shirt like this!"

When was the last time you discovered something vintage, one-of-a-kind. . . something *irreplaceable*? Perhaps it's hung up in your closet or has a special place in your room.

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God considers us His irreplaceable treasures. How do I know this? Each one of us is so precious to God that He was willing to give what He loved most. Imagine what it must have felt like for God to give away His only Son on our behalf. It's impossible to fully grasp how deep the Father's love is for each one of us.

TODAY'S PLAYLIST

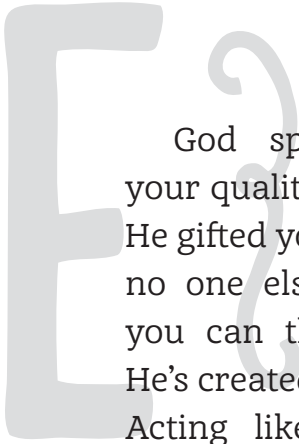


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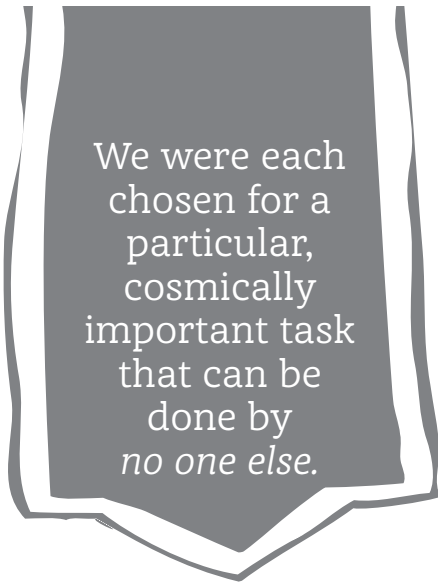
And God carefully thought through every detail when He created you. The writer of Psalm 139 says, "How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand." We get another glimpse of God's thoughts about us from Ephesians 2:10, "For we are God's *masterpiece*. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago" (NLT, emphasis mine).

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There is no second copy of you—even if you were born a twin! You are significant to God's plan for humanity – not average or ordinary.



God specifically designed your qualities, looks, and style. He gifted you with purpose like no one else. What's one way you can thank God for how He's created you? By being you! Acting like other people, or comparing yourself to others, is not what God had in mind for you. You owe it to yourself to *be yourself!*



We were each chosen for a particular, cosmically important task that can be done by *no one else.*

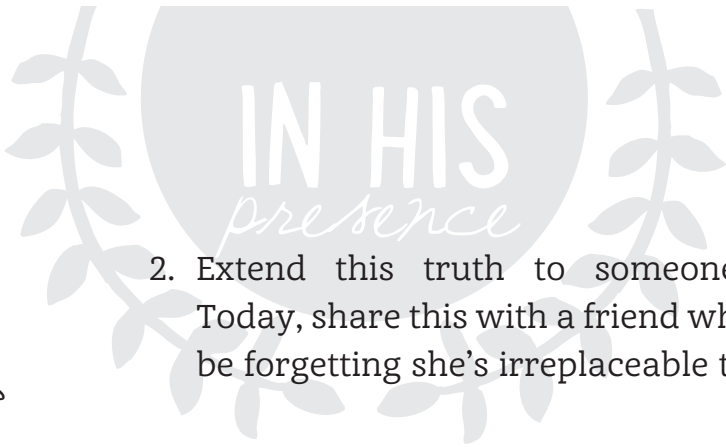
When I wore that vintage blouse this summer, I was clothed in something irreplaceable. Unique. Only one was ever made. How amazing! Now I can understand how my Father sees me.

Yes, me. Yes, you.

REFLECTION & ACTION

1. For me, the shirt is a reminder of how irreplaceable I am. What object in your room or closet symbolizes this for you? Find a way to display it!

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2. Extend this truth to someone else.
Today, share this with a friend who may
be forgetting she's irreplaceable too.



EPHESIANS 1:4-6