THE GREATER VALUE

 I really like calendars. In my home office I have three calendars. One of the calendars is from Snead Auto Parts and has classic cars on it. I know many of my readers today are laughing already because you know I can’t remember anything even though I have three calendars. Well anyway, the car on my calendar for July is a 1959 Chevrolet Corvette. Now I was not privileged to own one of the Corvettes but I did own a 1959 Chevrolet Parkwood Station Wagon. Again, you are thinking yuuuuck. Before you get sick let me state my case. At least three people could sit in the front seat and at least three people could sit in the rear seat. If needed, two or three children could play or lay down behind the rear seat. Those things were not possible in the much more expensive Corvette. Some people thought they were cool because they drove a Corvette but I thought I was pretty cool because I had a hole (rusted through) in the back floor board where we teenage boys could spit tobacco juice (maybe I should have left that part out.) It certainly seemed to me that my car was the far greater value.

 It is so easy for us to value someone on their appearance or popularity. When looking at Saul or David the outward appearance would lean toward Saul but God knew that David was the greater value. He would make a far greater king for Israel. Matt Cassel, quarterback for the Minnesota Vikings, never started a game at quarterback in college. He spent his college career as a backup. In 2005 the New England Patriots must have seen something in Cassel that no one else seen and drafted him. Following week one of 2008, Cassel started for the Patriots when Brady had a season ending injury. In 2009 the Patriots extended Cassel a one year contract worth over 14 million dollars which was the largest one year contract ever offered in the NFL.

 We may not be fast enough to be the lead-off hitter on the baseball team or strong enough to be the clean-up batter but God has us on his team. There is no real back-up role on God’s team. He sees great value in every individual. No matter who you are, you are worth the sacrifice of God’s only Son. Jesus saw you as worthy of his death on the cross. God has loved us with Heaven’s very best. 14 million doesn’t touch us. God has placed a value on each individual that cannot be calculated.

Yours in Christ,

Brother Randy Burtram