

## YOU MATTER!

Your appointment is at 9:45 A.M. You arrive at 9:35 and the receptionist quickly takes your co-pay. You fill out all the paper work and take your seat in the waiting room. You are still waiting at 10:30. So you politely go back to the receptionist's window and explain that you have other appointments today and that you will reschedule later. She returns your co-pay and you leave.

As you walk out the door you secretly hope that the Doctor feels badly about not seeing you at the scheduled time and that he will call later and apologize and explain that he was unduly detained. But then reality sets in and you realize that it is unlikely that the Doctor will ever even be made aware of the events that have affected your entire morning. You realize that he probably had no idea who he was supposed to see today. To him you are just one of a hundred others clamoring for his attention. His day will not be changed at all because you had to wait 45 minutes past your appointment time! To add insult to injury, you have no way to express your disappointment to him personally. His calls are all filtered through the front office. He doesn't eat in the same restaurants as you so you can't approach him that way. He disappears at the end of the day into mysterious "Doctor Land." The only way you can ever see him is to make another appointment and wait perhaps as much as one hour in the waiting room and another hour in the examination room. Then when he does come in he is not interested in anything that you have to say. He just wants to get the examination over with and write the prescription or order the tests and move on to the next person. He gets paid

by the insurance companies based upon the number of patients he sees, prescriptions he writes and the number of tests he orders.

You finally come to the crushing realization that in this specific situation, "YOU DON'T MATTER"! To the people involved in an incident that has shaped your whole day, you are totally, completely, absolutely, insignificant!

Nothing hurts more than the feeling that one's life has absolutely no effect on the lives of the others around him/her. Job felt this way when he groaned these words: "*Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He comes forth like a flower and fades away; He flees like a shadow and does not continue*" (Job 14:1-2).

All of us want to think that we are relevant and vital to something or someone around us. Jesus taught that in the eyes of God WE DO MATTER! "*Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. **But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.** Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows*" (Matthew 10:29-31).

As faithful children of God we are important! We are in fellowship with and under the protective care of the Creator and Sustainer of the universe!!!!!! We as Christians are the ones responsible for seeking and saving the lost of the world! No one else has been given that task! He is our God and we are His people!

While it is true that in some life situations we don't matter, it is never true in our relationship with God! We matter enough for Him to have given His Son to save us!!!!!!