

JOB-A-RAMA CHURCH SERVICE
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SCRIPTURES

MAHALEY - *"You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous – and how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed."*
~Psalm 139:13-16

MARKANDA - *"So God created people in his own image; God patterned them after himself; male and female he created them."*
~Genesis 1:27

MADDY - *"You are precious and honored in My sight."*
~Isaiah 43:4

MAHALEY - *"Don't be concerned about the outward beauty that depends on fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes. You should be known for the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God."*
~1 Peter 3:3-4

MARKANDA - *"Not even a sparrow, worth only half a penny, can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to him than a whole flock of sparrows."*
~Matthew 10:29-31

In 1950 the hot items for girls to play with was limited to two basic choices: paper dolls and small baby dolls. One day a woman named Ruth Handler watched as her daughter played with these seemingly boring paper figures, pretending they were adults, and had an epiphany; a doll that could inspire young girls to dream. A doll that could allow girls to contemplate what they want to be when they grow up. This doll would have the features of an older girl. She would be fashionable, fun, and have the ability to play a variety of different roles. This doll would be called - Barbie.

Barbie is now over 50 years old she has evolved over the years, and you can find her in any profession imaginable. Over the years she has become linked with Ken, and they are known for their storybook love. Barbie is one of the most popular brands in history. She has indeed inspired young girls to be anything they want to be. She has been noted for her extremely good fashion sense and trendy accessories.

I think it is safe to assume that most people are familiar with Barbie and Ken, or have played with them at some point or another in their lives. Most little girls have at least one Barbie and her accessories and oftentimes even a Ken doll to keep her company.

Barbie is beautiful; she has the perfect figure, long beautiful hair, clear skin, the best clothes and jewelry, and lots of friends. Really, she has the perfect life!! Barbie is what most girls aspire to be. I know I looked at Barbie hoping that one day I would look as good as her. Ken has it going on too- chiseled looks, buff body, and Barbie the babe to boot.

At a young age I was tragically wishing that I could be somebody different, somebody more beautiful. Unfortunately I think many of us girls look at figures like Barbie and wish we could have it all, like her. There are lots of guys out there who are extremely unhappy with how they look, how they are built, wishing they could have it all, too.

Maybe it isn't Barbie/Ken you compare yourself to, but a movie star, or rock star. Maybe it is the models you see in magazines or athletes on ESPN. Over the years, society has made people believe that they aren't good enough. They must have the perfect figure/build, the most friends, the best car, and the perfect boyfriend/girlfriend, or else they are nothing. Guys/Girls constantly compare themselves to the images on television, on billboards, or on the internet. Society has even convinced every young man out there that you are nothing unless you are a famous athlete, or a multi-million dollar business man, or a rock star. Society has also used Ken's image to make you believe you must be buff to get all the chicks. Well, I am here to tell you, "IT'S A LIE!"

God's Word tells you that you are all beautiful in His sight. You were created in His image. What is more beautiful than being created in the image of God, who created the heavens and earth and all of the beauty within them, who paints the sunsets, and considers you more precious than even these?

WOW!! God wants us to display His splendor, and radiate His beauty. A well known Bible teacher of women named Beth Moore puts it like this, "You see, the more we gaze on the beauty of the Lord as we seek Him in His temple, the more our lives absorb and radiate His splendor." In other words, when we are thankful for the people God made us to be and seek to serve Him and be more like Him; we are not seen for the beauty we possess, but for His beauty reflected through our lives. He made us the way we are for a purpose. As Christians our beauty must emanate from the inside out, not the other way around.

God is more interested in your heart and the motives behind what we do. He is not concerned with how tan you are, or what clothes you wear to school, or even your hair. He made you to reflect His splendor, JUST THE WAY YOU ARE.

You are beautiful and wonderful the way you are. Never forget your worth in His sight. It does not matter what others think of you, because you are living for an audience of ONE. The ONE who created you and made you to glorify Him using the talents and skills He gave you. That is a far better destiny than being somebody you are not, like Barbie or Ken!

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MADDY -

It's Up To You

One song can spark a moment,
One flower can wake the dream.

One tree can start a forest,
One bird can herald spring.

One smile begins a friendship,
One handclasp lifts a soul.

One star can guide a ship at sea,
One word can frame the goal.

One vote can change a nation,
One sunbeam lights a room.

One candle wipes out darkness,
One laugh will conquer gloom.

One step must start each journey,
One word must start each prayer.

One hope will raise our spirits,
One touch can show you care.

One voice can speak with wisdom,
One heart can know what's true.

One life can make the difference,

You see, ***It's Up to You!***