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Unbelievably Special!

Brothers and sisters,

"You are unbelievably Special!" Yes, you! Right now, you're having a hard time believing that. You say, disbelievingly, "Who, me?" And that's the problem, right there! You don't believe this truth enough for it to sink deep into your heart to change your life.

The truth is, Yahweh has made many such statements about you; how He sees you, your unique position in Him and how He wants you to relate to Him. Knowing Yahweh's truth has the potential to set you free (John 8:32). The change you desire will not come until you accept what He has made you.

Sovereign Yahweh specially picked you out to be His before anything was. "Before the foundation of the world, *He* chose *you*, in Messiah, to become His holy and blameless *child* living within His constant care" (Ephesians 1:4 paraphrased). So, you are Yahweh's child, not because you descended from Adam (which we all did), but because He loved you and wanted you to be His. That's what makes you unique. Don't try to figure this out; accept it!

Here's another truth: "You are Yahweh's *special possession* and have become part of a community that is peculiarly His" (1 Peter 2:9 paraphrased). All this means you (yes, formerly a sinner) are no longer an outsider but you are now a genuine member of Yahweh's household (Ephesians 2:19).

Are you still struggling to accept all this? From reading Romans 8:15-16, Yahweh couldn't be more precise. Those who're part of His family circle, who have the Holy Spirit (that's the family Spirit), can authentically say, "Abba (Father)". Isn't this fantastic news? Take a breath here. If you're a child, you share in everything that belongs to the family.

Each morning, look at yourself in the mirror. As you brush your teeth and do your hair, remember who you are! Remind yourself that you're not just anybody – you're a person of significance. Experience the change as you let the truth of who you are be distilled in your heart, so you act confidently in a way that matches your identity.