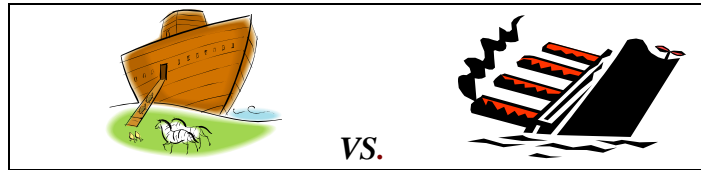


FROM THE VICAR'S DESK



\$20.00

Holding up a \$20 bill in the room of 200, he asked,
"Who would like this \$20 bill?"

Hands started going up.

He said, *"I am going to give this \$20 to one of you
but first, let me do this."*

He proceeded to crumple up the \$20 dollar bill. He
then asked, *"Now, who wants it?"*

Still the hands were up in the air.

"Well," he replied, *"What if I do this?"*

He dropped it on the ground and started to grind it
into the floor with his shoe.

He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty.

"Who still wants it?"

The hands went into the air.

*"My friends, we have all learned a very valuable
lesson here. No matter what I did to the money, you
still wanted it, because it did not decrease in value.
It was still worth \$20."*

Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled,
and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make
and the 'circumstances' that come our way.

Sometimes, we feel we are unappreciated, even
worthless. BUT... no matter what has happened or
what will happen, you will never lose your value.
Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are
still priceless to those who DO LOVE you.

The worth of our lives comes not in what we do
or who we know, BUT by... **WHO WE ARE.**

You really are special. Don't **EVER** forget it!

*Christ the King loves you to death. So, count
your blessings, not your problems. Remember:
It was amateurs that built the Ark...*

while professionals built the Titanic.

If God brings you to it, He'll bring you through it.

Sincerely and in Him, fr. t.