An Uncommon Garment

Ever wonder if your life has meaning? Or ponder the question: "Does the work that I do count for much in the great scheme of things?"

I've entertained those questions at times in my life. Perhaps it is true of all of us.

As one who loves all kinds of music – some more than others – I found encouragement in a Southern gospel song written and performed by Greater Vision. Members of the group are Gerald Wolfe, the group's founder, pianist and emcee; Rodney Griffin, awardwinning songwriter who sings the lead part; Chris Allman, who sings tenor; and Jon Epley, the newest member, having joined in April of 2017, who sings baritone.

Their song I refer to is Common Garments. Here are the lyrics:

One day a Roman soldier, In a shameful gambling game, Won the blood-stained garment That once had clothed a King; Just a cheap robe of linen, No great value did it hold, But when worn by the Master It was worth more than gold.

A few days before
This old garment had changed a life
Of a tired and helpless woman
Who'd believed with all her might;
She'd reached out and touched it
With hope to be restored;
She knew this old garment
Was the vesture of the Lord.

We are the reason
That Jesus came to die;
We have been chosen
To send forth His light.
So it doesn't matter
If your worth is great or small,
God needs some willing vessels
Just common garments, that's all.

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God uses common garments
To do uncommon things,
And God uses common people
To live out His uncommon dreams.
It's not what you are that matters,
It's what He can make you to be,
'Cause if God can take an old common garment
And change a life,
Then surely, He can use you and me.

So take heart! As a believer, the Bible says:

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness (Isaiah 61:10 KJV).

And because of that, you have an uncommon touch on the people you serve in Life Care and Century Park.

- Beecher Hunter