

High Maintenance

I live in a cubicle world where I work. One of the disadvantages of living in a cubicle world is that there is little privacy. I was walking by a cubicle at lunchtime and overheard a conversation between several female coworkers. One of the ladies was sharing that the man she had been dating had told her he wanted to break up because she was too “high maintenance”. The lady was polling all her girl friends in the cubicle if they thought she was too high maintenance. I walked on quickly before she asked my opinion.

I think all this high maintenance - low maintenance concept was started by comedian and movie star Billy Crystal. When his movie co-star Meg Ryan asked him if she was high maintenance or low maintenance he hesitated for a moment and he told her she was the worst kind, she thought she was low maintenance but she was really high maintenance.

The reality is that the common human condition is that we are all high maintenance. We were powerless to achieve our own salvation. We were powerless to reconcile ourselves to God. Yes, we are all high maintenance - That is why we need a Savior. In Romans 5:6-8 Paul writes

RO 5:6-8 “You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

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