

This has been on my heart for a couple of days: "Do not give dogs what is holy; do not throw your pearls before swine. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and then turn and tear you to pieces." Matthew 7:6



The Lord has been bringing this Scripture to mind and the visual of how unclean pigs are.

Growing up, my great-grandparents raised pigs; all the left overs, peelings, husks of food would be thrown into a 5 gallon bucket and it would sit there until feeding time.

Sometimes the contents of that pail would foam, attract flies that would lay eggs that turned to maggots, and emitted an odor you didn't want to breathe in very long.

The Lord gave me an even more graphic picture and said, "Jen, if human or animal feces were mixed in with the slop and thrown into the feeding troth, then you throw in precious jewels: diamonds, rubies, sapphires, and pearls; the pig by nature cannot differentiate what is of value and what is excrement."



There are some people in your lives, in your families, in the Church and even in the Community that by nature cannot discern and differentiate your value as they are so used to feeding and rooting around in the slop- the pig pen of life.

Don't take it personal. A pearl will still remain a pearl and a pig will still remain a pig; but placing yourself before it thinking it will recognize your value, it's frankly: **NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.**

Even the Farmers who raise the pig and are near the pig can differentiate but again the pig cannot; it's just it's nature.

Clean off the rottenness and excrement; know your value and move on understanding the Lord does not want us to treat common that which is holy, but He also doesn't want us His children and prized possessions being mistreated.

God allows what we allow.

Love Him and yourself enough to value who you are in Him and put boundaries down and put the pig back in the pen, and the precious jewels and pearls around your neck where they belong.