

Getting to Know All about Him

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A Lifetime Journey toward Rediscovering God's Love for You

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There is a distinction that must be made between knowing God and learning more about Him. This happens through study of the Scripture and experience walking with Him. Each time we study who He is, and each time we experience His power in our lives and witness His faithfulness, we learn more *about* Him.

When we got married, of course David and I knew each other—enough to entrust our lives to each other. We had a relationship. Yet there were things *about* each other to be learned as we shared our opinions and observed each other as we went through life together. Through happy days and times of mourning, we learned new intricacies about each other. As we parented our children, we observed new aspects of each other's personalities. We watched each other grow, too, from nineteen-year-old buddies into the almost 64-year-old friends we are today.¹

The Bible is full of stories and descriptions and examples that help us clearly define attributes of God's loving character. We learn about Him, not because we do *not* know Him, **but because we do**.

There can be no greater example of this than observing the life of Christ as recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Through these firsthand accounts of what Jesus did and said, we are able to get to know more about Him and His great love for us.

1 John 1:1-4 (Author of the Gospel of John)

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— ² the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— ³ that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

¹ Now, over 50 years

Seeing the life of Jesus reveals to us the heart of God because Jesus is God, and His actions are one with the Father's. Consider this powerful declaration made by Paul in Colossians 1:15 (AMP).

He is the exact living image[the essential manifestation] of the unseen God [the visible representation of the invisible].

To know more about the God we cannot see, we have the life of Jesus, which is recorded for us to bring to life who He is. Since He is the visible image of the invisible God, His every word and deed give us information about God the Father.

We can also gather information that negates any adverse image we may have developed of God by carefully observing what He did *not* do and did *not* say.

If you want to know more about God and understand what

God's love for you looks like, observe the life of Christ. What you see in Him is true about the Father. You can see God is love in every word He spoke, each act of kindness He displayed, every miracle He performed, and in the death He died for us. This immense act of love continues to speak to us throughout our journey of rediscovering His love for us.

Jesus said,

***"He who has seen Me has seen the Father."
John 14:9***