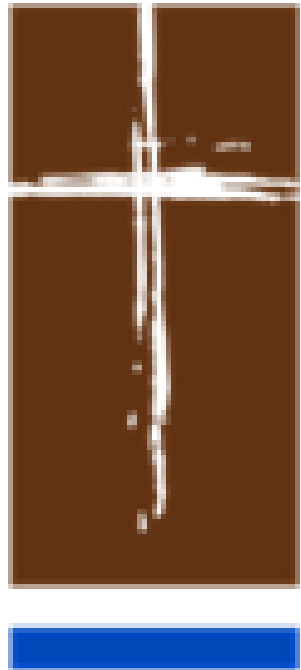


# The Power of Knowing God

- Session 2: A PATH TO INTIMACY
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# **THE POWER OF KNOWING GOD**

## **A Path to Intimacy**

What does intimacy with God mean?

It means bonding with Him in a close relationship

It means being vulnerable and trusting in one another

It means experiencing an abundant life that cannot be found anywhere else

# THE POWER OF KNOWING GOD

## A Path to Intimacy

So how do we find the path to intimacy? Here are a few **approaches** we all use:

**Prayer:** Regular communication with God where we can express our gratitude, thoughts and feelings.

**Study of Scripture :** Reading and studying sacred texts can provide insights into God's nature, teachings, and expectations.

**Inner Reflection:** Spending time in solitude and introspection which helps us recognize our Christian beliefs and values.

**Human Connection:** Interacting with others, especially through acts of love, compassion, and service which reveals the God's plan for our lives.

**Nature:** Observing the beauty and complexity of the natural world which inspires awe and wonder, which leads to a deeper appreciation for the beauty of His creation.

Ultimately, the power of knowing God is unique to each of us as we seek our own path to intimacy. The important thing is learning how to develop a deep, personal connection with Him.

# GETTING TO KNOW YOUR KING

## A Path to Intimacy

### PREMISE OF TODAY'S DISCUSSION

If you develop a personal intimate relationship with God he will become both a friend and your King.

**John 15:14-15 NIV says** “You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup>I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vaz8nZju8c8>
  - Video
  - Zach Williams – Friend in High Places

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Most people have never met a King but my guess is that they would jump at the chance if they could.

Well, we have that opportunity when we read about our King in the Bible.

- The phrase *king of kings* is used in Scripture six times:

Once, the title is applied to God the Father (**1 Timothy 6:14-15**), and twice to the Lord Jesus (Revelation 17:14-15 and 19:16)

- And in **Psalm 24:28**, Jesus is described as a powerful and mighty ruler.

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- **1 Timothy 6:14:15 NIV** says“... *I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords.*”
- **Revelation 17:14 NIV** says “*They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.*”
- **Revelation 16:16 NIV** says”*On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.*”
- **Psalms 24:28** says “*Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.*”
- **Question:** Do you want an intimate relationship with your friend and King?

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hasKOQUArw8>

### **Video:**

This song is from the 1951 hit musical on Broadway called The King and I which is a story about the joy of getting to know a King.

Listen to the lyrics and follow along as they are as sung by James Taylor.

# GETTING TO KNOW YOUR KING

## A Path to Intimacy

Getting to know you, Getting to know all about you.  
Getting to like you, Getting to hope you like me.

Getting to know you, Putting it my way, but nicely.  
You are precisely, my cup of tea.

Getting to know you, Getting to feel free and easy  
When I am with you, Getting to know what to say

Haven't you noticed, Suddenly I'm bright and breezy?  
Because of all the beautiful and new  
things I'm learning about you  
day by day



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Isn't saying, I'm getting to hope you like me like saying

“i hope you like me in spite of my sin?”

Isn't saying, you are precisely my cup of tea like saying

“I know we will have a relationship that lasts?”

Isn't saying, I'm getting to know what to say like saying

“I'm comfortable talking with you”

Isn't saying I'm bright and breezy like saying

“I'm full of joy because of what I'm learning about you every day”

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### Our King is Jesus

**Colossians 1:15-16** *“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.”*

**Mark 12:30** *“Serve Him with your whole heart, soul, mind, and strength.”*

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**Video:**

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# **GETTING TO KNOW YOUR KING**

## **A Path to Intimacy TABLE TALK**

- 1. What have you learned from this series so far?**
- 2. Who is your best friend, and do you have an intimate relationship with that person?**
- 3. Do you have a feeling of intimacy with God?**
- 4. How are your feelings toward those two different from one another?**
- 5. Do you see the image of God in other people?**
- 6. Do you have a favorite Bible verse?**
- 7. If so, how do you explain to others how it applies to your life?**
- 8. How do you explain who God is to non-believers?**