

# The Power of Knowing God

**Session 4: Hope for the Here and Now**

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# Be Strong and Courageous

## Key Scripture for this Year

Be strong and *courageous* and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my *God is with you.* 1st Chronicles 28:20

## And a Response Back to God Might Be.....

“God, I will be strong and courageous and will do what You have asked me to do. I will not fear or be dismayed because You are with me and You will not fail me nor abandon me.”

# Hope for the Here and Now

- Earthly marriage vs. marriage with God
- His gift of eternal life is settled
- How to achieve a good relationship with God here and now
- God facilitates this using **three** effects to strengthen our relationship with Him

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# VIDEO

# Three Effects/Circumstances God Uses to Grow Your Relationship with Him

- **Crisis - He either allowed or created it**
- **Need for His Power**
- **Need for Wisdom**

# CRISIS - Table Talk

- You know you are in a crisis when.....  
Give examples
- God allows crises because..... Why?
- Discuss any crises in your lives you wish to reveal or discuss in which you gained a closer relationship with God

## GOD'S POWER

- Grants us His divine power in times when we need it most
- He sees what we cannot see
- A contradiction in your crisis (a “catch-22”) can result in your greatest time of knowing God.
- Thus you will see Him at a new level
- Reading of 2 Corinthians. 12:8-10



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## 2 Corinthians 12:8-10

Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. And He has said to me, **“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.”** Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.



# GOD'S WISDOM

- Life's a 1000-piece puzzle
- Life's a winding road with detours and closures
- Proverb's main purpose is to teach wisdom and instruction
- Read, together with the Holy Spirit, what Solomon had to say
- Wisdom = “the ability to apply biblical truth to your situation”
- James 1:5 and Prov. 3:5-6



# GOD'S POWER AND WISDOM - Table Talk

- Describe a situation when you discovered the **power** of God through His strength in your own weakness.
- What did you learn from this experience?
- Discuss the process of both seeking and obtaining **wisdom**.
- Once you've sought and obtained wisdom, what are some hindrances when trying to apply it?

# Hope for the Here and Now

**Video -  
Olympic Gold Medalist and world  
record holder**