

When You Know they'll Know - June 14, 2026

Speaker 1 All right. Well, good evening everyone. I'll tell you what. It's nothing like resting in God's presence. You know, it's funny that my wife was saying. Just rest in his peace, because this week was crazy for me. Um, I had to spend the entire week at my manufacturing plant by myself in the, uh, in the corporate office area because some of our other people either out of town or they got sick and I said, well, I could do this. I'll just kind of run it off. And literally, it was five offices empty except me. And I just had to take every call and, and, and drive back and forth. And I kept asking the Lord like, okay, I need to prepare a word. I need to go do an outreach. I have another meeting this week. I'm like, you know, Lord, you kind of planned this. So grace and mercy upon grace and mercy to get through this week. And I can tell you, I was here till about ten o'clock last night and I found some peace in this room until my brother in law and my sister decided to scare me in the middle of the night. I will get them back. But there was peace in this place. And I agree with Charmin. You're standing on holy ground. You're not standing on holy ground because we're more holy than others. That's not what I'm saying at all. I'm not here trying to elevate the brand here. That's not what I'm doing. I'm here to tell you that any ground that finds the Savior on it is holy ground. Do you believe that tonight? You know, was I, I was laboring over what I what it was I was going to talk about tonight. The Lord put it on my heart that. You've talked about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. You've talked about glorification. And we've talked the last couple of weeks about those mature people that given to the impulses of the Holy Spirit are the ones that are wrapped up into the Holy Spirit and folded into the body of Christ. And it's the Holy Spirit that whispers the words, you are my beloved son. You are my beloved daughter. And then it says, when we begin to understand that we become co glorified with Jesus, sharing with him everything he has inherited. And as I began to process this again, the Lord said, though glorification co glorification is still not the goal. And I want to make it clear that anything we receive in abundance to be enjoyed with the father is not the goal. The goal is always to be joined with Christ, and this is what I believe in our study tonight we're going to find out. So turn, if you would. To the book of Philippians chapter three, verses five through sixteen, Philippians three, verses five through sixteen. I'll be reading from the passion version. Once again, we are still talking about what happened on the day of Pentecost. We're here to tell you that there's a lot of weeks here talking about what the Holy Spirit. How can I tell you? People say, how long will we talk about this? How can I tell you? How long will I talk about God? Because that's exactly what was poured out. God. God was poured out. And so I could probably spend the rest of my life like Paul did, discussing what was poured out on that day. But tonight, we'll read Philippians chapter three, starting in verse five. I was born a true Hebrew of the heritage of Israel, as the son of a Jewish man from the tribe of Benjamin. I was circumcised eight days after my birth and was raised in the strict tradition of Orthodox Judaism, living a separate, separated and devout life as a Pharisee. And concerning the righteousness of the Torah, no one surpassed me. I was without peer. Furthermore, as a fiery defender of the truth, I persecuted the messianic believers with religious zeal. Yet all of the accomplishments that I once took credit for, I've now forsaken them, and I regard it all as nothing compared to the light of experiencing Jesus Christ as my Lord. To truly know him meant letting go of everything from my past and throwing all my boasting on the garbage heap. It's all like a pile of manure to me now, so that I may be

enriched in the reality of knowing Jesus Christ and embracing him as Lord in all of his greatness. My passion is to be consumed with him, not cling to my own righteousness based in keeping the written law, my righteousness will be his based on the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, the very righteousness that comes from God. And I continually long to know the wonders of Jesus and to experience the overflowing power of his resurrection working in me. I will be one with him and in his sufferings, and become like Him in his death. Only then will I be able to experience complete oneness with Him in His resurrection from the realm of the dead. I admit that I haven't yet acquired this absolute fullness that I'm pursuing, but I run with passion into the abundance that I. So that I may reach the purpose for which Christ Jesus laid hold of me to make me his own. I don't depend on my own strength to accomplish this. However, I do have one compelling focus. I forget all of the past as I fasten my heart to the future. Instead, I run straight for the divine invitation of reaching the heavenly goal and gaining the victory prize through the anointing of Jesus. So let us all who are fully mature, have the same passion. And if anyone is not yet gripped by these desires, God will reveal it to them and let us all advance together to reach the victory prize, following one path with one passion. The title of my message tonight is when you know they'll know. When you know, they'll know. Bow your heads. Lord God, I thank you for your word and that it's a living word. It is a word, Lord God, that can be trusted. It can be trusted throughout our lives, Lord God. We can look to this word and depend on it. It is the living word. It is the bread from heaven, Lord God. And tonight I pray that these words are not my own. Lord God, I sacrifice myself at the altar of Jesus Christ. Rise up within me, Lord God, and let them see the words that you wrote. Let them see the words you wrote through Paul, your vessel, Lord God. In the name of Jesus. Lord God, I pray that it plants a seed in all of us. Lord God, a seed in good soil that will reap a harvest thirty, sixty, and one hundred fold, Lord. And it's in Jesus mighty name we pray. And everyone said, Amen and Amen. As I was preparing for this message, I started reading the words of Paul and I started looking at this this section. I had never read it like this. You know, it's, it's one of those sections where it's, it's, it's, it's, it's kind of a positive motivational speech or, or people kind of twisted a certain way. And as I started reading it, I started reading the perfecting process. I'm watching Paul describe his transformation on the page. And when I read it again, I started looking at it further and I'm like, wow, look at this. This is everything that we're talking about in Mark two twenty two. Everything that Paul is describing in his life on these, in this page, on this text and in this message is everything that I feel I'm going through and I feel that others are going through with me. There's a perfecting process happening, all of us, because he is the author and the perfecter of our faith. And no, we cannot sit at salvation forever because Paul himself said, moving beyond the initial teachings of salvation and baptism, and the laying on of hands and moving further into the solid food that comes with knowing the Lord. And this is what Paul is saying. He is describing to us the process that he has gone through. So in verse five he says, I was born a true Hebrew of the heritage of Israel, as the son of a Jewish man from the tribe of Benjamin. What he is saying is he saying, you can track my lineage back all the way to Abraham. There's no mixed blood in me. I was perfect. He goes on to say, I was circumcised eight days at my birth and was raised a traditional Orthodox Jew. He's describing something about his life. He's like, I'm Jew of Jews. You can track my lineage. I was circumcised, perfect. And I was set aside to be a Pharisee. He goes on to say that my knowledge was unmatched. I was a true Pharisee. I knew the law back and forth. And he says, and furthermore, I. I got

accolades for it because I was one of the ones that hunted down the Christians. I wasn't just a Pharisee. I was one of the ones that they acquitted, the one that trusted. They were the. I was the one that would go out and argue and, and persecute the Christians because I was good at it. But then something happens in verse seven, but Paul says, but now I account all of that as garbage. Throw it on the garbage heap. Something's changing in Paul, and it's brilliant because he puts out this resume of how important he is. But after he gives the entire resume, he's not doing it to be arrogant. He's saying everything I told you compared you to me to the Jewish faith. And I promise you, my resume is better, and yet I consider it to be garbage. Paul explains the transformation. He's saying, I'm driven by one pursuit. That pursuit is to know him. Now, I want you to think about what Paul's saying. Paul's saying, my entire life I've been studying him. My entire life I've gained knowledge. I was Pharisee of Pharisee. But he says that's all garbage now, because my goal is to know him. Wait a minute. You don't know him. All the knowledge you have. But you don't know him. That's very important. We understand the Greek word know here is ginosko. This is not to have knowledge of someone. It's much deeper than that. It's to have intimate knowledge of someone. Yeah. You see, there are people that I know in this room. There are people I know a little bit better in this room. But that young lady right there, I know, I know this young lady. And so when Paul is saying I long to know him, my life's pursuit is to know him. He's not saying to gain more knowledge. He's saying, there's something about this man that I have to know. And so Paul is already proven by his resume. He is a dedicated Pharisee. He's someone who likes to study. He's someone that likes to pursue something. But now everything he's pursued, I want you to think about this. His entire life now has taken a reverse transformation. And he's saying, I was pursuing this. One day I was this way, but now I'm this way. And he's pointing to something he's saying. The pursuit is to know him. Yeah. It is very similarity to the Hebrew word yada. The Hebrew word yada is actually used in Genesis. Let me tell you how intimate it is. It's so intimate that the words compare when it says, Adam knew Eve. Right. So you begin to see the husband and wife context here. Do you see it developing? Do you see how now the bridegroom refers to the church as the bride, and he, Jesus is the bridegroom. Now don't look at the church as an entity. Look at the church as something that you carry inside of yourself. So now who is the bridesmaid? You are. He is the bridegroom. He doesn't want you to simply know of him. He wants you to know him and in such a way that you are actually joined together to him like a marriage. This is the language. Can I prove it to you? Watch this. Ephesians five, verse thirty one and thirty two. Do we have it? This is a famous passage. Everybody does marriage counseling on this, so they do like a marriage thing. Okay, I gotta be honest with you. I'm tired of that. Okay. I look, can I be honest real quick? Two. Second thing. You want to have a good marriage? Put Jesus first. If you seek the Holy Spirit, you're gonna have a good marriage. I'm tired of five steps to everything. It's one step. One step. If you know him, you're not going to have any problems or anything else. Doesn't mean you won't have any problems, but you'll get over them because you know him. Now watch this. For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife. Now, we all know that that's famous, right? We all know this. And everybody has a marriage counseling class and we go away for the weekend. We all come back and say, I had a great time, but read the next line and it shall become one flesh. Keep going. This is a this is the great mystery. But I speak concerning Christ and the church. You see it? Yeah. You see, we spend all of our time saying, let's learn from Christ

about our marriages and what Christ was saying. Take your marriage and now learn about me. He was trying to show them something. He was trying to say, you see this connection? That's the connection that I want with you. Now, let me tell you how important it is. How would you feel? Or how would you feel if you had a little someone coming to the house? Third party. How about Robert? Rosalind? Third party, huh? Another young man. Another young lady comes hanging out, right? My wife's getting ready to get me. All right. I should have picked the. Kid. Now, you see, your wife or your husband's not going to like that. But yet that's how we are. That's how we are. We'll take that idol over the Lord. We'll let something get in our marriage with him. Yes, we constantly allow something to get into our marriage. And the Lord is saying, I just want you to know me. I want you to know me. Because when you begin to know me, you'll know who you are to me. And this is what Paul is saying. Paul is saying, everything that I have learned is garbage. My entire life I've spent my life wasting time when I should have been knowing him. Verse nine, it says, my passion is to be consumed with him, not cling to my own righteousness based on keeping the written law, my only righteousness will be his. Based on the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, the very righteousness that comes from God. Paul begins to describe the transformation from a life pursuing righteousness through knowledge of the law to a life pursuing righteousness through the faith of Jesus Christ. No longer was he his confidence found in understanding the written law or his ability to keep it. Instead, his confidence was placed entirely in Christ. Now, I want you to consider something for a moment. What is making this transformation happen? He's starting to know the Lord. Things are changing. The perfecting process. Do you see it now? It's begun. He's describing on the page his transformation. So where did it start? Let's consider Paul's life for a moment. Turn if you would, to Acts chapter nine, verses three through five. You don't have to turn if you don't want to. We'll be up there. But if you want to. Acts chapter nine, verses three through five, watch this. As he was approaching Damascus on the mission, a light from heaven suddenly shined down around him. He fell to the ground, heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul! This was his name before it was turned to Paul. Why are you persecuting me? Look at the next word. Who are you, Lord? Saul asked. And the voice replied, I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting. Who are you, Lord? Wait a minute, you Pharisee, a Pharisee. You, the one who studied God and Adonai your entire life. Who are you, Lord? He had no idea who was in front of him. Yet now you see, Paul says at the beginning of Philippians. My only pursuit is to know him. Because on the road to Damascus, when the Lord revealed himself to him. Paul found out something about himself. He found out that all my life I have been pursuing God this way. And I just figured out with one encounter I am wrong. I now need to see it this way. So Paul asks the question, who are you, Lord? In many ways, that question becomes the defining pursuit of the rest of Paul's life. Who are you? Now look at this. Look at this clearly. Look at this verse. Go back Philippians three nine and I'm hoping. I hope you see this for the first time differently now. My passion is to be consumed with him, not cling to my own righteousness based on keeping the written law. This is a point of contention for all of us. You want to know why? Because you have to give up self righteousness. Paul is saying something. You have to give up yourself. I no longer cling to the to the self-righteousness of teaching myself the law of what I think I know because of that one encounter, when I realized I didn't know anything, I knew that I had to chase the one that knew everything. So now my goal is to know him. Because if I know him, I'll know the truth. But here I'm forsaking what I was. I'm forsaking that self

righteousness. Now, I'm here to tell you this is the most difficult thing. This is difficult for all of us. It's difficult for a lot of leaders. I've seen it. You will find church leaders lift up their brands and lift up their platforms more than they will lift up Christ. You will more likely find them in a business meeting than a prayer meeting. Yes. And then you want to know why you have a five step structured sermon? Because they've been spending their time on how do we get more people through the building? How do we get more people to do this? How do we make people feel more comfortable? How do we. And then all of a sudden they come to you and they say, here's the sermon, how you can feel more comfortable, how we get more people through the building. And then you realize that everything's just a process because that's what they're putting in their lives. And the Lord said, I want you to seek me, to know me. But can I tell you something? It's not just the leaders. Because the Bible says that they will run to with their itching ears. Want to hear? People love the five step programs. Tell me how to fix me. Use the Bible to do it. Give me the five steps. Because if I can execute the five steps and I can be better, I can watch this. I can keep me. We live in a society that says, take some time for yourself. You need to pay attention to self, right? Sometimes you gotta take care of me. The Bible says you gotta crucify yourself. That's what the Bible says. So why are you spending time with something you're supposed to crucify? And this is what Paul is saying. Paul is saying, I have made a decision. I'm crucifying myself. This is where we've drifted in the church. We've become so self-righteous. That there's no room for the righteousness of Christ. And this is how things like Seeker safe develops, as if the seeker wasn't safe with Jesus. You see, if I recall, when they found the woman who was having an affair, it was the system that wanted to stone her. It wasn't Jesus. So you want to tell me how the seeker is safe? The only thing you're doing with the seeker being safe is letting the little devil stay in there. Yes. But if there's conviction in her heart and she meets the father like that woman did, she'll have the same response. Jesus will say, where are your accusers? Go and sin no more. You can't be wrong with the father. And this is what Paul is saying I have forsaken my self righteousness and my knowledge. I buried it, I've crucified it so I could pursue the one that I need to know. Yes, this is big. I spend a lot of time here for a reason because we can't get out of the way of self. Oh, I need to meet my need. I don't get this from my husband. I don't get this from my wife. My kids don't do this. Have you ever occurred to you to stop and take a little time and ask the Lord why you're going through this? Because maybe the one that needs to be fixed is. David. And Paul is saying, I'm rejecting that. I'm rejecting that. But it only takes is one encounter. When Paul encountered the Lord, it changed everything. I called the buddy of mine jr. I called you, didn't I ask for permission? Can I do this? Good. On this spot you met the Lord. Right here. Right around here. You met the Lord, right? You met the Lord Carlos saying it's here. Okay, I gotta, I gotta be, I gotta be accurate right here. You met the Lord right here. You had your Damascus Road moment, but you knew the Lord before. What happened? Wait, wait, wait. You knew the Lord before that moment. You knew who he was. But something happened on that day where you didn't just know of the Lord. You began to know the Lord. And this is what Paul is saying. Paul is saying, I consider everything that I've ever learned garbage. Because when I met the father, I knew him. And let me tell you what happens. Let me tell you what happens. You see in our own self righteousness. I know this sounds crazy, but we give ourselves the right to be angry. We give ourselves the right to grieve. We give ourselves the right to be defeated. And you're like, wait, wait, wait what? What pastor? Yes, that's self righteous because you should be

crucifying the person inside of you that has anxiety and you want to know why you have anxiety. It's because you haven't crucified the person in you that has it. Because when you crucify you in Jesus Christ rises up. Christ don't have problems with anxiety. You see something starts to happen in you. And so what Paul is saying it is. I won't have anxiety. I won't have doubt. I'll just pursue. I'll just pursue. And so Paul is saying this. Paul used to consume himself in Scripture by his own self righteousness. There are a lot of men that read Scripture through the lens of self righteousness. But now he consumes himself in the presence of Christ, allowing the righteousness of Christ to shape his thoughts and his desires. What he's saying is, I'm not diminishing the word. You must read your scriptures. You should read your scriptures. You need to read your word. But what he's saying is, when you get into the presence of God, it will explain to you what it's saying, not your own Interpretation. It'll be the Holy Spirit that says, read it again, son. Read it again, son. Read it again, son. Read it again. There's something deeper. There's something. That's why he called it a living word. But you have to have the living God inside of you to show you it's a living word. If you are there, you are dead, and you are reading a word that will be dead to you because you're reading it through the lens of something that's dead. But if you read it through the lens of something that's alive, it'll come alive to you. This became the lifelong pursuit of Paul. Do you see it? This should be the lifelong pursuit for all of us. Not when am I going to lead. When am I going to build a church? Could you imagine if I said, Lord, you know I've had enough of the purple floors. Right. Come on. God, we're doing good now. Can't we move on? Right, right, right. No no no no no. My job is to do one thing. Pursue the Lord. Oh, but we gotta worry about finances. No, no, no. Pursue the Lord. Oh, we gotta worry about what people think. No! Pursue the Lord. I gotta worry about outside noise. Oh, pursue the Lord. You see, I had some self righteousness. I'm going to be honest. As a leader, I should be honest. I should be the first one at this altar. So I'll go ahead and say it. I had self righteousness because I told the Lord I was walking. I'm tired of hearing all the outside noise. Lord, you're the one who called me out. Why are you letting him say that about me? And the Lord said, oh, so now, now when you suffer with me, you want to give up?

Speaker 2 Come on man.

Speaker 1 And I immediately said, I'm a son and daughter. I felt like Paul when I walked out. I consider it all joy. Say what you need to say because that means I'm a son and daughter of the King. Paul figured something out. He figured out that in the presence of God, in the presence of the Lord, he was led to all truth. And that was somebody else who did that. Y'all remember David was like this. Paul has got a desire now his desires to pursue presence, pursue presence so I can know him, so I can know him in a personal way, like a marriage. I want to pursue presence. And David was the same way. And David was said to be a man that chased after God's heart. And what does it say in Psalm twenty seven? For one thing I have desired of the Lord, that I will seek him, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple. Did it say, oh, I want to build up something to me or I want to say something. I want a platform. I want people to recognize me. I want this vision you gave me. Lord God, I want this dream. No, he said, if there's one thing that I desire is that I spend all my time with you, Lord God. And this is the prize that Paul is trying to point us to. Verse ten and I continually long to know the wonders of Jesus and to experience the overflowing power of his resurrection working in me. I will be the one with him

in his sufferings and become like him in his death. Only then I will be able to experience complete oneness with Him and His resurrection from the realm of death. Listen to what he's saying. He's starting now. Watch. Once you pursue the Lord and you seek him, the word says you will find him. When you find him and spend time with him, he starts to reveal to you. When you start getting revelation, you start saying things that's different and definitely contrary to the world. And Paul is saying, I'm starting to realize something here. I'm starting to understand something. It's not me who's doing it. As I spend time with him, he's changing my thoughts. He's restructuring something about me. And now Paul says I'm becoming like him. And through this experience, I'm starting to have complete oneness, and I'm starting to understand the resurrection power within, inside of me. Okay. This is why if you go to Galatians two twenty, Galatians two twenty, this is why Paul is able to say this I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me, and the life which I now live. in the flesh. I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave me himself for me. Now think about this. He literally has revelation. He starts to say, I have been so consumed with the Lord and he's changing me so much that I realize I'm not me anymore. That me is dying. It's Paul that had that revelation. I'm becoming a walking, talking Jesus. And because of this, everything is changing in my life. Can I prove it to you guys? Watch this. If we read on. Paul is so humble to. I admit that I haven't yet acquired this absolute fullness that I am pursuing, but I run with passion into his abundance so that I may reach the purpose for which Christ Jesus laid hold of me to make me his own. I don't depend on my own strength to accomplish this. However, I do have one compelling focus that I forget all of my past and I fasten my heart to the future instead. I'm gonna stop there. Okay, stop there for a moment. Now, what he's saying is, I'm spending so much time in his presence that while I'm in his presence, he's building up a longing for me to stay in his presence. See, now you understand when Paul says, I beseech you therefore, brethren, to be a living sacrifice, Paul is realizing that the more time I spend with him is, the more time I long to spend more and more time with him. And so God is the one who's building up that longing. You see, a lot of us say, well, I don't know how y'all prayed for twelve hours, and I don't know how y'all sit in service so long. I don't know how you worship so long. It's because you haven't been initiated yet. But if you stay in the presence of God, you're going to get initiated. See, sometimes when you come to the Holy Spirit, it's so thick you can't breathe. But what happens is your oxygen starts to change when you spend time in the presence and what was once thick now becomes thin because you can breathe and now you can pray longer, you can worship longer, you can read longer. But it's not by your power. It's not by might, not by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord. This is what's taking place, and I'm going to prove it to you further. Paul is so humble. You guys remember the story in acts. Remember he goes to Corinthians, goes to the Corinthians, right? And it says that Paul had unused power, right. But Paul was transforming. Why was he transforming? Because he knows him. Okay, so Paul is walking in this town and he walks by in a handkerchief, touches somebody, healed. He kind of walks by and you're healed. And you know what's funny? Men like to teach. Paul had this special power. Did he? can I give you this first? Maybe I did, maybe I did, I don't know. No, I'll tell you the story. So unusual gifts. So now people in Corinthians start to try to cast out demons in the name of Jesus. But what does the enemy say to those people? Jesus, I know, Paul, I know, but you. So did Paul have unusual power or did he know Jesus? You see, people are walking around trying to justify miracles and why they don't happen, but I

contest. It's because leaders don't know the father, and when they don't know the father, they make an excuse. But if you get to know the father, there'll be times when you walk by and people get healed. Let me tell you something. I'm starting to realize something. This is what you need to understand. It's the surrendering part, right? We talked about the lights. We were lighting up the lights. Okay, what happens is I'll even tell. I'll stay as humble as I can. Stepping on obedience. I might be fifty one percent surrendered. I got another forty nine percent to go, but I feel that one percent. It's tilting something on me. Yeah. You see, when I was under the fifty percent, it felt like I was pushing something. But I'm one percent over and I'm starting to feel like it's in acceleration. Accelerated surrender. Now, what's going to happen when I'm sixty percent and seventy percent and eighty percent and I'm not me, I'm ninety percent Jesus, ten percent me. Dare I say, if I know I'm ninety percent, I'm going to walk past somebody and they're going to get healed, not because of me, but because the one I know is lighting up inside of me. And what happens is when that anxiety used to be a foot away because you're ninety percent, your light is so strong, it has to be five miles away. That's what happened with Paul. He knew Jesus Christ so much that when he walked into the room, all of the darkness had to flee because he wasn't. Fifty percent surrendered. He was one hundred percent surrendered. And so when he walked in and said, heel, heel, heel, heel. Not by his power, because of the light inside of him. He was Jesus walking into the room. And that's what he was trying to know. His goal wasn't to heel. It was to know. To know, to know. Finishing my verse, I run straight for the divine invitation of reaching the heavenly goal and gaining the victory prize through the anointing of Jesus, the victory prize of anointed. Paul is literally saying, the prize is Jesus Christ. The prize is Jesus Christ. Now watch what he says. So now verse fifteen, so let all who are fully mature have this same passion. Not just Paul. This is the passion you need to have and I need to have and all of us need to have together, not just Paul. We all need to have the same pursuit. We are seeking his face, seeking union, seeking the presence and letting the presence tell us what's next. Okay. So let us all fully mature and have the same passion. If anyone is not yet gripped by these desires, guess what does it say? Pastor will reveal it. Friends will reveal it. Is that what it says? Arguments will reveal it. Politics will reveal it. Come on. Debate. Facebook post.

Speaker 2 Yes.

Speaker 1 God will reveal it to them.

Speaker 2 Yes.

Speaker 1 And let us all advance together to reach the victory prize, following one path with one passion. This is the unity. Do you see how you get there? It cannot be manufactured by man. Unity can only be brought about by the power of the Holy Spirit. It can only be brought about by those who yield to the power of the Holy Spirit. And Paul is saying, I have changed my entire life. One time I memorized everything. Now I memorize nothing. I read the scriptures still. But I say, Lord, what do you want to tell me?

Speaker 2 That's it.

Speaker 1 In John seventeen verse three, it says this. Paul was starting to recognize this and

this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. Does it say? And this is eternal life. To be a good disciple, to do great works. And this is eternal life to feed the poor. And this is eternal life. I'm not knocking those things. What I'm saying is, if you put those things before knowing him. They're not done with the right heart posture. Imma tell you a story I was dating. I was going to tell you. No names. It says in this is eternal life that they will know the one true God. Know him intimately, know him like a husband, knows a wife, and to know Jesus Christ. Doesn't mean the works won't be there. They will follow when you know. Because when you know you won't be yourself, you become Christ. I'm gonna tell you a story that was sad to me. I stayed here till ten o'clock for a reason. I was crushed. I sat in a church yesterday. A church that's poverty stricken.

Speaker 3 I watched a sweet.

Speaker 1 Girl.

Speaker 3 Just like this.

Speaker 1 Suffering from whatever's in her. She was in the house of the Lord and had the. They had to push their pews back so tight so we can fit in the meeting. It was hot. They had one little air conditioner and they brought this food spread and they were offering my wife and I food. They were giving what they don't even have. And he said, Pastor Kevin, you, Miss Carla, can do us a favor. Tell all the churches what we're doing in August. Thank you for participating. But tell all the churches if you know somebody, if you have some connections, tell our churches we love them to participate in our revival. He said, because when we tried, he said, I want to a church. I'm not going to say it. But he went to a well-known church around here, and he tried to talk to the pastor and him and a buddy went and tried to talk to the pastor. They went into the office and said, can I see the pastor? And it was just to say, we have a revival coming. And they said, well, the pastor's not here. He's he's in the other building. He's meeting, of course, meeting. She said, okay, well, I'll walk over there. Thank you. Him and his buddy walk over there. They're going to go talk to the pastor and let him know about the revival. All of a sudden, they hear the name called. Turns around, he says, I recognize the guy. I went to high school with, the guy I hugged the guy. I'm like, hey. He said. Then I realized the guy was there to get me. He was security. Hey, I came to get you. You can't see the pastor. What are we doing? I get better access to Jesus than a pastor. Because we got a bigger building. And then you want to say, on my knees is wrong because some tongues might have came out. Or. my wife can't preach because she's a woman. Nah, man, maybe you ought to try to know who you're worshiping. That's right. Because if you know him, you'll start to read the scriptures to the heart of the father and not your own self righteousness.

Speaker 2 Right.

Speaker 1 I'm not just telling you this because I want you to be angry. I don't want you to be a righteous frustration with myself because I was angry and I was like, Lord, but you love them too.

Speaker 3 Right?

Speaker 1 So the Lord said, you have to show love everywhere. Love is the only thing. It's the only thing. It's the only thing. And the Lord reminded me. He said, It's Corinthians chapter thirteen again. Ask for all the gifts. They'll fade away. We know this. He said, I, I see in a mirror. I see in part. We've been going over this, he says, but when the perfect love comes. When the perfect comes, I will see in full, he says. Until this let us run our race, pursuing faith, hope, and above all, love. Paul was running to know. And as he ran to know, he experienced God's love. And it was love that changed him. And while I was thinking about this, the Lord gave me a vision. He said, Kevin, go look at the crossover message again. Oh, God. He really is beautiful. It doesn't matter what you've done. Doesn't matter what you think your problems are. I'm not. I'm not diminishing your problems. I'm saying, my God is so big. My God is so loving. He's so big. Just throw it on the altar. But the Lord said, look at the people of Israel. They sinned against me for forty years. They wander, he said. But then as they came to the river Jordan, they were like a bride. And I parted the Jordan for them, for my bride to come. And when my bride walked up, I sanctified them. I circumcised them when they got to the land. And then finally they got to the commander of the angels armies, which was me. They got to the groom and said, the prize is me. The prize is.

Speaker 3 Jesus.

Speaker 1 Christ. And the moment you realize that, every time you're in your presence, in the presence with him, I'm sorry you have reached the prize. I have one desire of this church. One I don't care how big it gets, I don't care. I don't care. You need me in this young lady. We'll be there. I promise. We'll be there. We love you. And I don't love you because I'm able to love any extra than you. I love you because the Jesus Christ inside of me is changing. And I'm trying every week to articulate it. I can't, I don't even have the words. But I know he can change you. And all I have is one. My wife knows this about me. I'm like, oh, like, I have this like thing about me. Like, I know he can do it for you. And I just want to push you in it.

Speaker 2 Like.

Speaker 1 You know, this is why I beat up Thursday prayer. Why is Kevin always talking about Thursday prayer? Because I'm talking about presence.

Speaker 2 Yes, yes.

Speaker 1 I don't care if you come to Mark two twenty two. I'm talking about getting here with like believers. Because if your light shines and her light shines and her light shines, it's a big ball of light. And when people walk in, they get healed. Presence, presence, presence. Do not leave this room without understanding what the pursuit is. It is not to build a bigger church. If that happens, it's a byproduct. It's not to fix people's lives. That will still be a Byproduct it is to know Jesus. If we focus on the thing that is above, he will take care of everything else.

Speaker 2 Yes.

Speaker 1 This is Mark two twenty two. He's expanding the wineskin so you can contain more of knowing him. That's all it is. My last verse, John thirteen, verse thirty five. I told you the title of my verse was when you know they'll know. For when you demonstrate the same love I have

for you. See, when you spend time with them, you're going to reflect them. For when you demonstrate the same love I have for you by loving one another, everyone will know that you are my true followers. It's only through love. Only through love. Only knowing him. I'm starting to have the same desire. I only desire that you know Jesus. And that you are joined to him in such a way. That you'll never feel orphaned again. Babe, come on up here. When God poured out the Holy Spirit, he poured out an invitation to his love. He poured out an invitation to him. This is what we're seeking. We're seeking to know him. And as he removes the veil inch by inch. Because I'm surrendering more. Not because he's not quick to remove it. It'll give you a whole new meaning for why he's long suffering. See, people that read Long suffering and see only the author part are not realizing that he's long suffering for the perfecting. He's long suffering for you to sacrifice every part of yourself so he can replace you with him. This is the gospel. Because when you become him, you are now truly known and fully known as you know, the father. Babe, I'd like you to pray for this congregation and to call anyone up. Would you please stand?

Speaker 4 If I could have some prayer partners.

Speaker 1 Nancy. Sharon.

Speaker 4 Nancy. Sharon D. Andre, if you could come across the front here. Maybe you're standing here. And maybe you're saying to yourself. I felt like I knew God, but I don't know God. I don't care how many years you've gone to church in your life. If this is a moment where you want to know God and know his love for you, this altar is open. This altar is open. If you need to come to a person to pray over you, or if you just need to come and kneel on this rug and have an intimate moment with the father. We have men up here. If there's a man in the room that wants a gentleman to pray for him, they're here. If you're a lady, we have our Our Lady prayer partners here. Come to them so that they can pray for you. But our greatest desire, as my husband said at Mark two twenty two, is that you know the father and that you know his love. We pray that you know it in in such a depth that there aren't any words that can even describe it. We pray that everyone has an encounter, a divine appointment with the father, where love washes over them in such a way that it feels like waves after wave after wave. And if you're standing there and you said, I, I've never felt I've never felt that before. This is your invitation. This is your this is your invite to a place where you can be prayed over and spoken. Your heart can be spoken to, and Jesus can be revealed to you. So father, I thank you for every person in this place. Lord, I pray that if today is the day that you are calling them to this place to feel your love. Father, I pray that right now that their feet would move swiftly, that there would be no hesitation, father God, in any part of their being, that they would come and they would be prayed for and receive your love. Father, I thank you that you chose to leave the beauty of heaven and come to this earth to teach us to die, for us, to resurrect for us, and to send a helper for us. Father. For God so loved the world. That he gave. You gave your only son, ABBA. You gave your son. That whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. So, father, as we look to you expecting the beauty of heaven, Lord, we know that right now we can experience heaven on earth, and we can know you in such an intimate way. That we can feel your love, father. Lord, I pray if there's any need in the house, any need at all, they would come and ask for prayer.

Speaker 4 Lord, I pray you would meet them right where they are. Jesus. Maybe even you've never even asked Jesus into your heart and you want to make him Lord and Savior. Please come down. This is your invitation. This is your moment.