

# Knowing God

- ❖ What does it mean to know God?

## **You need to know God.**

- Jesus' prayer in John 17.

**John 17:3** And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

- Knowing God is life.
- Relationship with Him, much like how we know our closest friends or family members.

A.W. Tozer – "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

- ❖ It's not knowing about God.

**James 2:19** You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!

One of the greatest examples of knowing God comes through Moses.

## **Moses:**

- ❖ Prince
- ❖ Kills an Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew
- ❖ Fears for his life
- ❖ Runs to the desert of Midian
- ❖ Lives in the desert as a Shepherd and starts a family

**Exodus 3:1-6** Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. 3 And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." 4 When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5 Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the

place on which you are standing is holy ground.” 6 And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

- ❖ God delivers the Israelites.
- ❖ Israelites didn’t believe God about going into the Promise Land.
- ❖ Moses and Israelites spends 40 more years in the desert.
- ❖ He was prepared.

**Deuteronomy 8:1-2** 1 The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. 2 And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.

1. Do what God commands/says – that allows you to live in God’s promise
2. Don’t forget the lessons learned and the work done in you along the way

Moses spent 14,600 days in the desert and God shows up the first time.

The second time he spends 14,600 days in God’s presence.

What if you cannot know God, truly know God, until you learn to be still?

**Psalm 46:10** Be still, and know that I am God.

### **You will know God through**

1. Time
2. His Word
3. Obedience
4. Suffering

**Jeremiah 9:23-24** 23 Thus says the Lord: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, 24 but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord.”