



ζωήν

περισσότερον

LIVING THE ABUNDANT LIFE



John 10:10

“...I came that they may have **life**  
and have it **abundantly.**”



*What if God's vision for your life  
is greater than your vision for your life?*



## **FREE: ζωήν = LIFE**

“This is eternal life, that they may know you,  
the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom  
you have sent.” – John 17:3

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**FULL: περισσός = ABUNDANTLY**





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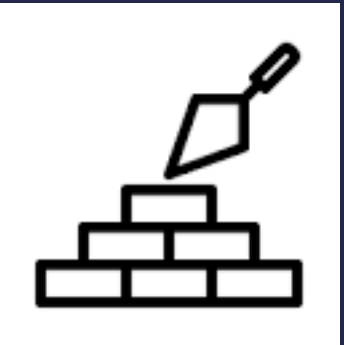




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## FOUNDATION / VALUES

*...built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone.*

—Ephesians 2:20









# **BIG ROCK #1: KNOWING GOD**



## Mark 12:28-30

...“Which commandment is the most important of all?”<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, “The **most important** is, ‘**Hear**, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.<sup>30</sup> And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’”



KNOW GOD





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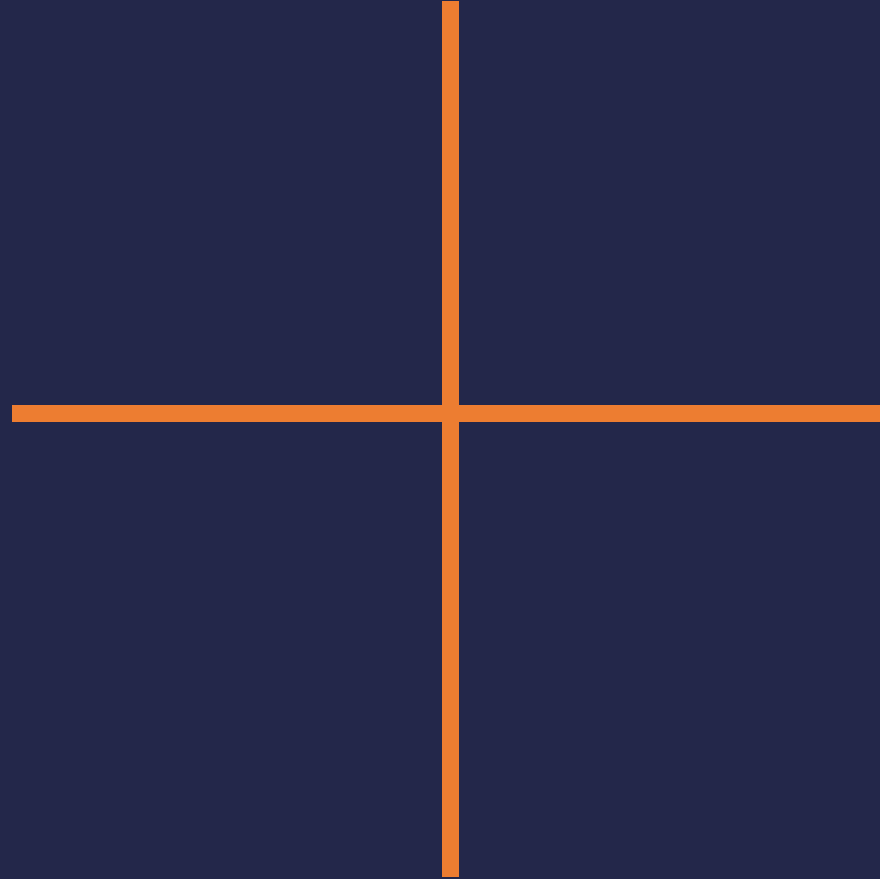
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**BIG ROCK #2: LOVING PEOPLE**



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“The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’  
There is no other commandment greater than these.”

–Mark 12:31



## John 13:35

“...people will know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love for one another.”



## Two realities in loving people

- 1) Love happens in messy relationships.  
*Embrace the mess.*



Michael Yaconelli, *Messy Spiritually*

“Jesus hung out with prostitutes, tax collectors, adulterers, mental cases, penniless riffraff, and losers of all kinds. His disciples...were also troubled with infighting, always jockeying for position, suspicious of each other, accusatory, impulsive, selfish, lazy, disloyal.”



## Romans 5:8

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



## Robert Campin

“God doesn’t stay at an antiseptic distance from our sin, he meets us in our sin and walks with us through it.”



Eugene Peterson, *Contemplative Pastor*

“Our membership in the church is a corollary of our faith in Christ. We can no more be a Christian and have nothing to do with the church than we can be a person and not be in a family.... It is part of the fabric of redemption.”



## Augustine

“He cannot have God for his Father who refuses to have the church for his mother.”



## Gallup Poll

- Americans are among the most stressed in the world.
- Nearly half (45%) “worry” a lot.
- More than one in five (22%) feel angry a lot.



## Galatians 6:1 NLT

Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.





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- 2) Love happens in meaningful actions.  
*Roll up your sleeves.*



# LOVE DOES – Bob Goff

“Love is never stationary.”



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John: *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. –1 John 4:7-8*



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Jesus: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”  
–John 3:16





“Love one another.”

Jesus: 4 times

Paul: 3 times

Peter: 1 time

John: 6 times



## Romans 13:8-9

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law... You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”



## Life Principle

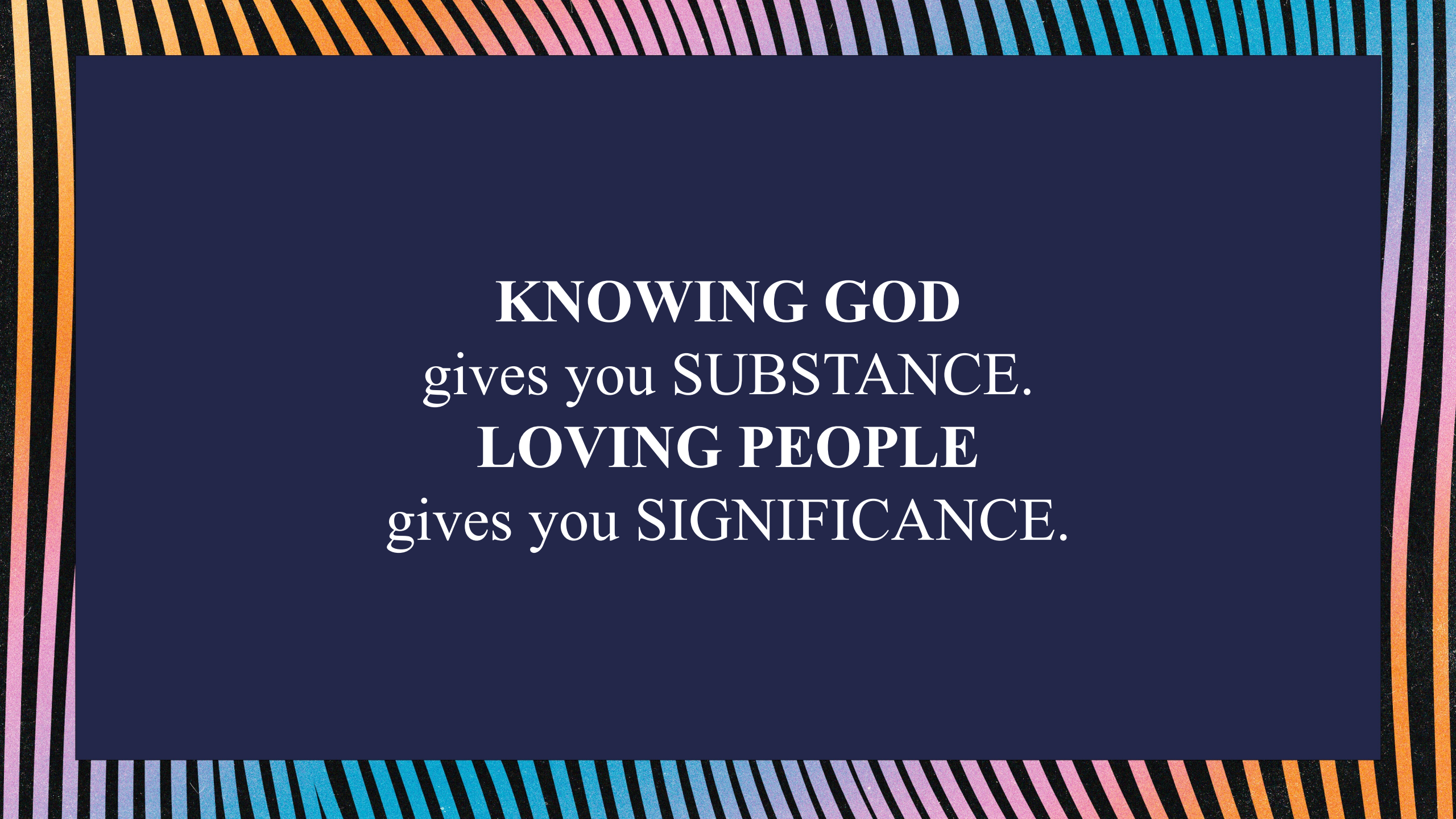
You don't feel your way into an action,  
you act your way into a feeling.



## Grace Point Church Motto

Every member is a *minister*,  
and every ministry is *meaningful*.





**KNOWING GOD**  
gives you **SUBSTANCE.**  
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