

Faith: Our Need to Know Him

We have physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. But none greater than our need to know our precious Jesus.

Connecting Our Needs to Jesus

I casted my cares on the Lord in prayer the other morning and I had a desire to bless Him afterwards. I wanted to know what His cares were because He had taken mine. I said Lord what's on your heart? He said" The Church has a million needs, and I want them all to be, a desire to know me more!"

He wants our greatest need to be knowing Him, over every other need. May they desire to have the need met, never exceed our desire to know Jesus.

Matthew 6:7-8

New Living Translation

7 "When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. 8 Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!

We're praying to Yahweh who already knows our needs, so our greatest need is to simply know Him, love Him, honor Him, obey Him.

The Greatest Tragedy

Matthew 7:21-23

Amplified Bible

21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me on that day [when I judge them], 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, and driven out demons in Your name, and done many miracles in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them publicly, 'I never knew you; depart from Me [you are banished from My presence], you who act wickedly [disregarding My commands].

The greaest tragedy is not to hear Jesus say He never knew someone. No, the greatest tragedy is that He wanted to know them and they refused.

The Need to Know Him in Our Cares

1 Peter 5:7

New Living Translation

7 Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

What we think we need to know: Answers to our worries and cares

What we really need to know: Jesus cares

Why do we stretch our cares to God? Because they connect us to His love and affection. To know that He cares, is to know Him more!

The Need To Know Him in Our Hunger

Luke 10:38-42

New Living Translation

38 As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. 39 Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught. 40 But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me." 41 But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! 42 There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her."

What Martha thought she needed to know: Isn't it unfair that my sister just sits here while I do all the work?

What she really needed to know: Jesus is the only thing worthy of concern. He is the bread of life. Mary chose the best meal in the house, being served not at the table but at the feet of Jesus.

Matthew 4:4

New Living Translation

4 But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' [a]"

The Need to Know Him in Our Lack

Matthew 17:24-27

New Living Translation

24 On their arrival in Capernaum, the collectors of the Temple tax[a] came to Peter and asked him, “Doesn’t your teacher pay the Temple tax?”

25 “Yes, he does,” Peter replied. Then he went into the house.

But before he had a chance to speak, Jesus asked him, “What do you think, Peter?[b] Do kings tax their own people or the people they have conquered?[c]”

26 “They tax the people they have conquered,” Peter replied.

“Well, then,” Jesus said, “the citizens are free! 27 However, we don’t want to offend them, so go down to the lake and throw in a line. Open the mouth of the first fish you catch, and you will find a large silver coin.[d] Take it and pay the tax for both of us.”

**What Peter thought He needed to know: How are we going to pay the Temple tax?
What He really need to know: That Jesus knew both the need, and how to meet the need.**

Our lack is a chance to know His sufficiency.

The Need to Know Him in Our Sin

John 8:1-11

New Living Translation

8 Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, 2 but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. 3 As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd.

4 “Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery. 5 The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?”

6 They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. 7 They kept demanding an

answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!" 8 Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust.

9 When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. 10 Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?"

11 "No, Lord," she said.

And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."

What the religious though they needed to know: The law says she should be stoned what do you say?

What they really needed to know: Jesus saves our lives from the penalty of sin and dismisses those who accuse.

Even in the guilt of our own sin Jesus still wants you to know Him!

The Need to Know Him in Grief

John 11:17-26

New Living Translation

17 When Jesus arrived at Bethany, he was told that Lazarus had already been in his grave for four days. 18 Bethany was only a few miles[a] down the road from Jerusalem, 19 and many of the people had come to console Martha and Mary in their loss. 20 When Martha got word that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him. But Mary stayed in the house. 21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask."

23 Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again."

24 "Yes," Martha said, "he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day."

25 Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life.[b] Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. 26 Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?"

What Martha thought she needed to know: Why did you wait so long to come and allow my brother to die?

What she really need to know: Not why Jesus allowed Lazurus to die, but who Jesus was. “I am the Resurrection!”

Jesus will resurrect our loved ones in Him.

The Need to Know Him in Our Sins

Luke 23:35-43

New Living Translation

35 The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. “He saved others,” they said, “let him save himself if he is really God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” 36 The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine. 37 They called out to him, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” 38 A sign was fastened above him with these words: “This is the King of the Jews.”

39 One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, “So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you’re at it!”

40 But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? 41 We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.” 42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.”

43 And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

What they thought they needed to know: If He’s the Messiah why won’t he save Himself.

What they really need to know: That Jesus didn’t come to live only but to die for our salvation. “Jesus, remember me!”

WITH EVERY NEED THERE’S AN OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW JESUS