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THE DEPTH OF KNOWING

What's the difference between knowing of someone and knowing someone?

Knowing is deeply **intimate**

Intimacy with God:

to know God and to be known by God

Genesis 4:1 ESV

*Now Adam **knew** Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain...*

Matthew 7 ESV

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

*²² On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³ And then will I declare to them, ‘**I never knew you**; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’*

Ecclesiastes 12:8 ESV

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity.

Ecclesiastes 12:8 NIV

“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher.

“Everything is meaningless!”

Ecclesiastes 12:13 ESV

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

Faith is about **knowing, not feeling**

Hebrews 11:1 ESV

*Now faith is the **assurance** of things hoped for,
the **conviction** of things not seen.*

Knowing is where feeling starts

(but we don't chase the feeling)

Recap

1. Knowing is deeply intimate

- intimacy with God: to know God and to be known by God

2. Faith is about knowing, not feeling

- feelings are temporary and unreliable

3. Knowing is where feeling starts

- but we do not chase or require the feeling