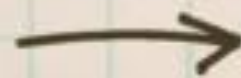
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Philadelphia Church

I Never Knew You

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MATTHEW 7:13-14

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

FIRST WARNING

**Small is the gate and narrow is
the road that leads to life.**

MATTHEW 7:15-20

“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16 By their fruit you will recognize them.

Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

MATTHEW 7:15-20

A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

SECOND WARNING

Watch out for false prophets. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.

MATTHEW 24:10-14

At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, 11 and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. 12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold,

MATTHEW 24:10-14

but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

2 PETER 2:1

But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves.

JOHN 15:16

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

MATTHEW 7:21-23

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

MATTHEW 7:21-23

Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

THIRD WARNING

**Do Not deceive yourselves in
self-righteousness.**

LORD DEFINITION

someone having power, authority or influence; a master or ruler.

QUESTION

Do I obey the Lord?

ISAIAH 2:12

The Lord Almighty has a day in store for all the proud and lofty, for all that is exalted (and they will be humbled),

ACTS 19:13-17

Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, “In the name of the Jesus whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out.” 14 Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this.

ACTS 19:13-17

One day the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?” 16 Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.

ACTS 19:13-17

When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor.

MATTHEW 7:23

Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

TRUTH

It is important that we know Jesus. But our ultimate goal is to be known by Him. Not because we have done something great but because we have obeyed Him and brought Glory to His name. - PD

TRUTH

**Words and actions are meaningless
if they are not spoken or done
according to God's will.**

QUESTION

**Do you have full assurance
that you are right with God,
even now?**

DESIRE

I want to know You!

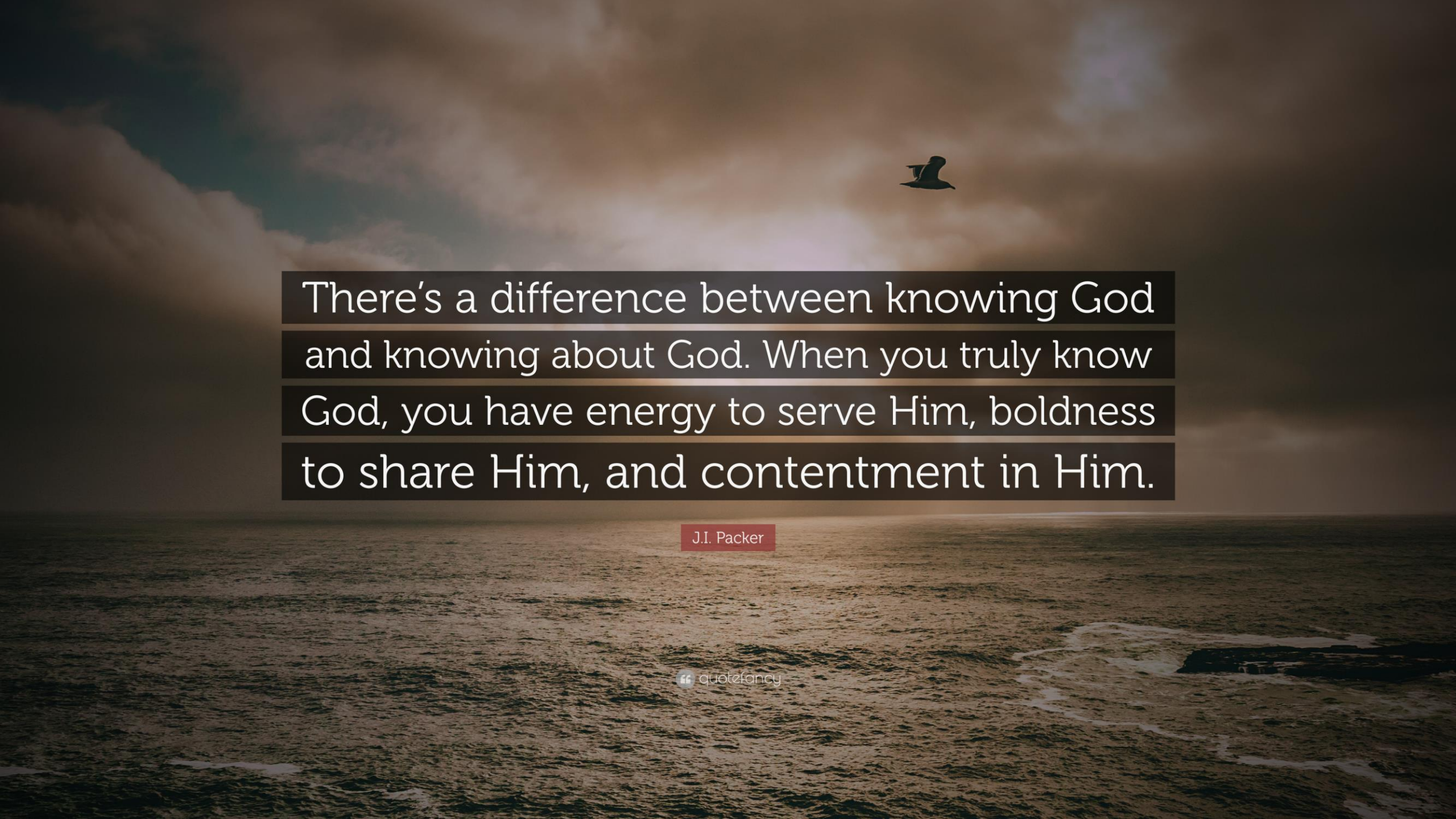
I want to be known by You!

LUKE 6:46

“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”

QUOTE

Good works apart from faith and intimacy with Jesus will never please God. - JW

A seagull is silhouetted against a dark, cloudy sky, flying over a turbulent sea. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

There's a difference between knowing God
and knowing about God. When you truly know
God, you have energy to serve Him, boldness
to share Him, and contentment in Him.

J.I. Packer