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DAY 1: WHY SHOULD WE KNOW GOD?

Today's Reading: Jeremiah 9:23-24,
2 Peter 3:18, Acts 17:27

The moment we confess Jesus as Lord over our lives, we are justified—the debt of our sin has been paid. Though the debt is paid, the weight and consequence of our sin, in comparison to the holiness of God, remains. It's tempting to go about our lives shuffling through self-care routines and self-help books, disconnected from this spiritual reality: Growth and Wisdom come from knowing God. Many believers and non-believers, alike, know about God, but we are called to know God personally. The Bible is the primary way in which we do both: know about God, and know God. Understanding and meditating on the attributes of God allows us to see the bigger picture. The exciting thing? We can seek after God our entire lives and still continue to find new things. The Bible has been given to us as a gift so that even in our finite understanding, we can learn about the infinite, Creator God. The decision is ours. There is no better way to glorify God with our lives than to have a heart surrendered to seek after Him.

PRAYER:

God, thank you for the gift of your Word. Thank you for being a God who is worth knowing. Show us more of your character, today.

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DAY 2: THE TRIUNE NATURE OF GOD

Today's Reading: Matthew 28:18-20,
John 1:1-3, John 3:16-17, John 10:22-30

It only takes a case of the sniffles or a simple mistake to humbly remind us that our natural state is 100% human. However, we cannot say the same of God. As we learned yesterday, the Bible is given to us so that we might know and hear from God. One of the ways God reveals himself in Scripture is through his triune nature, known as the Trinity. God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit are three distinct embodiments of the same Divine God. The Bible describes God as triune in nature, yet singular in deity. It can be hard to fully comprehend in our finite state, but the Trinity reminds us that God is infinite, incomprehensible, self-existent, and transcendent. When we dig into Scripture and learn of the three, distinct persons of the Trinity we gain a harmonious view of who God is - what a gift!

PRAYER:

God, thank you for being bigger than we can ever imagine. Thank you that we don't have to have it all figured out to be yours'. Help us know you as Father, Son, and Spirit.

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DAY 3: GOD'S COMMUNICABLE ATTRIBUTES

Today's Reading: Galatians 5:22-23,
2 Peter 3:18, John 15:4

As we get to know God, through His Word, we begin to see many traits, or attributes, displayed perfectly in his character: love, goodness, mercy, patience, justice—just to name a few. While some attributes of God are unattainable to us, such as being infinite or immutable, others will manifest in the life of believers, in relationship with Christ. We call these “communicable attributes”. Because God is without error or sin, he possesses all attributes (communicable and incommunicable) perfectly. We, on the other hand, display these attributes imperfectly and inconsistently. For instance, there will be times we bear the fruit of patience and times when we do not. As we continue to know God through study of Scripture, faithful teaching, and prayer we see God's attributes on perfect display as an example for us to follow. Praise God for his indwelling Spirit which helps Christians display his communicable attributes in our lives.

PRAYER:

God, thank you for being loving, patient, good, and merciful. Thank you for revealing yourself to us. May we look more like you each day.

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DAY 4: THE INCOMMUNICABLE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Today's Reading: Psalm 23, Phil. 4:13,
Isaiah 40:21-31, Ps. 139:7-10

Yesterday we learned that as we grow in the grace and knowledge of God, we will begin to resemble His nature by exhibiting some of his attributes. However, there are certain attributes of God that remain unattainable to us; it's what makes God, God! We call these God's incommunicable attributes. A few of these include God being eternal, infinite, self-existent, omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, and sovereign. These attributes are not for our possession, but to help us know God more, trust Him more fully, adore Him, and show the deep awe and reverence to which He is owed. God possesses each and every incommunicable attribute perfectly and simultaneously. It is natural for His children, and all creation, to worship God in response to His greatness. Our finite ability to image the infinite God is a necessary distinction for a proper understanding of our need for Him. Therefore, we must look to Him as our perfect Savior, knowing apart from Him, we are nothing. Praise God for who He is!

PRAYER:

God, thank you for being more than we can ever be, and all that we need. Show us more of your character, today.

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DAY 5: KNOWING GOD AND BEING KNOWN

Today's Reading: Matthew 7:21-23,
John 10:27, John 17:3, Phil. 3:1-14

In the Bible, there are multiple examples of Pharisees who were confident that they knew God; they memorized the scriptures, they followed the rules, and they viewed themselves as people of God. However, knowing about God is different than knowing God. When we walk with God, read the Bible and pray, we get to "know" God, but we must not forget, He knows us, too. Still, not everyone who claims to know God will enter into heaven; it requires us to fully surrender ourselves to Him. No amount of knowledge or service will save us. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." Jesus, God's Son, who lived a perfect life, willingly sacrificed His life in order to offer us a bridge into relationship with God. You can rest today knowing you are loved by God. He knew you from before the foundation of the earth was laid, and He longs for our hearts to be devoted to knowing and trusting Him.

PRAYER:

God, thank you for choosing me to be your own. Thank you for being big enough to create the world, yet still desiring of an intimate relationship with me. I want to know you more.