



**Sunday September 06, 2020**  
**Knowing God Intimately**

Why know God intimately?

Knowing God changes us in more ways than can be described.

**KNOWING HIM INTIMATELY IS THE SOURCE OF OUR STRENGTH**

**Daniel 11:32**

**Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.**

**KNOWING HIM INTIMATELY IS THE SOURCE OF OUR FRUITFULNESS**

**John 15:5**

**"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.**

**TO KNOW HIM, WE MUST PURSUE HIM.**

**Jeremiah 29:13**

**And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.**

To know Him, we must pursue Him.

**PURSUE HIM PASSIONATELY**

Passionately, with zeal, enthusiasm, excitement, emotions are involved.

**Psalm 63:1**

**O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.**

e.g. kids going out to play their favorite sport

When we do something with passion, time and effort, become insignificant.

To know Him intimately, we must pursue Him passionately.



**Pause and pray:** *Lord, stir up my passion for you. Empower me to pursue you passionately.*

### **PURSUE HIM INTENTLY**

With single-minded focus, with single-minded devotion

#### **Psalm 27:4**

**One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.**

FOCUS DETERMINES PRIORITY.

When you are focused on something, you make it your top priority. Shifting focus results in shifting priorities.

FOCUS AVOIDS DISTRACTIONS.

You are gripped by what you focus on, that distractions lose their influence over you.

FOCUS STRENGTHENS CONSISTENCY.

The key to consistency is continued focus.

To know Him intimately, we must pursue Him intently.

The greatest thing in all my life is knowing you.

The greatest thing in all my life is loving you.

The greatest thing in all my life is serving you.

**Pause and pray:** *Lord, help me to make you the focus of my pursuit. You be my one desire.*

### **PURSUE HIM EARNESTLY**

Sincerely, pursuing Him for who He is, out of our desire for more of Him

#### **John 4:24**

**God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."**

#### **Matthew 5:8**

**Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.**

While we are aware of the tremendous benefits, blessings and positive outcomes of pursuing Him intimately, our desire for Him supersedes our desire for the benefits so



much so that we are willing to pursue Him just for Him. He is our greatest Reward. He rewards us with Himself. Hence we are willing to pursue Him, even if we were to be denied of all other benefits and blessings that come from Him. This is pursuing Him sincerely, earnestly, with a genuine heart of love for Him.

**WE PURSUE HIM JUST FOR HIM. HE IS OUR GREATEST REWARD.**

To know Him intimately, we must pursue Him earnestly.

**Pause and pray:** *Lord, I want to love you and pursue you for who you are. You are my everything. You are my Reward.*

### **PURSUE HIM SACRIFICIALLY**

#### **Matthew 14:22-23**

**22 Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.**

**23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.**

There is a price to be paid in our pursuit of Him.

You may not have much time for other things, as you carve out time for more of Him.

To know Him intimately, we must pursue Him sacrificially.

**Pause and pray:** *Lord, I recognize that no price is too great to pay in pursuing you. You are worth every sacrifice I can ever make and much more.*

### **PURSUE HIM WHOLEHEARTEDLY**

With all you have, everything laid down on the altar

#### **Mark 12:30**

**And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.**

A half-hearted engagement in anything usually does not get us anywhere. So also in our pursuit of God – we must be fully committed to this.

The alabaster box



Matthew 26:6-13

6 And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper,  
7 a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table.

8 But when His disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste?

9 For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor."

10 But when Jesus was aware of it, He said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me.

11 For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always.

12 For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial.

13 Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."

To know Him intimately, we must pursue Him wholeheartedly.

**Pause and pray:** *Lord, let everything in me be yours and let everything in me desire you.*

### **PURSUE HIM HUMBLLY**

With humility, with awe and reverence,

**James 4:6**

**But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."**

While we know all the riches God has lavished on us by His infinite grace – making us heirs of God, joint-heirs of Christ – yet we know that we are His creation, and He is our Creator. There is no comparison. We are feeble and finite. He is omnipotent and infinite. We bow in reverence before Him.

We do not make false pretenses, no lip service. Our hearts are truly humbled with genuine awe and reverence towards the Lord our God.

To know Him intimately, we must pursue Him humbly.

**Pause and pray:** *Lord, I humble myself before you. I stand in awe of you, your greatness, your magnificence and bow before you.*

### **PURSUE HIM EXPECTANTLY**

With expectation, with assurance that you will grow close to Him.



### **Hosea 6:3**

**Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter and former rain to the earth.**

### **James 4:8**

**Draw near to God and He will draw near to you...**

If we draw near to Him, we have the assurance that He will draw near to us. Hence our expectation will be met.

To know Him intimately, we must pursue Him expectantly.

**Pause and pray:** *Lord, I thank you that you have promised that if I seek you, I will find you. If I draw near to you, you will draw near to me. If I come after you, you will come to me. I welcome you. I thank you for more of you.*

### **MAKE THE FIRST MOVE**

Leviticus 9:23-24

23 And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of meeting, and came out and blessed the people. Then the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people,  
24 and fire came out from before the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. When all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.

WE PROVIDE THE SACRIFICE. HE PROVIDES THE FIRE.

THE GRACE TO PURSUE HIM, IS GIVEN TO US BY GOD HIMSELF.

GOD GIVES US THE GRACE TO PURSUE HIM.

### Summary

KNOWING HIM INTIMATELY - SOURCE OF OUR STRENGTH  
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- #4, PURSUE HIM SACRIFICIALLY
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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

**Preparation**

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at [apcwo.org/sermons](http://apcwo.org/sermons) . Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

**Welcome**

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship and a fun activity.

**LISTEN to God's Word**

Read the following Scripture passages: *Jeremiah 29:13; Psalm 63:1; Psalm 27:4*

**INVESTIGATE God's Word Together**

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

*1) What are some of the outcomes we personally experience and enjoy from a close and intimate relationship with our God?*



2) Review the seven aspects of pursuing God that were presented, and consider some actions steps you can take personally to apply these in your personal spiritual life:

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3) The grace to pursue Him, is given to us by God Himself. Pray and ask for more grace to pursue Him.

If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey**

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another**

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.
- 3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.

Close by thanking God together.



**USEFUL RESOURCES**



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

**YOUTUBE:** <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

**WEBSITE:** <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

**CHURCH:** <https://apcwo.org>

**FREE SERMONS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

**FREE BOOKS:** <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

**JESUS CHRIST:** <https://examiningjesus.com>

**BIBLE COLLEGE:** <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

**E-LEARNING:** <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

**WEEKEND SCHOOLS:** <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

**COUNSELING:** <https://chrysalislife.org>

**MUSIC:** <https://apcmusic.org>

**MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP:** <https://pamfi.org>

**CHURCH APP:** <https://apcwo.org/app>

**CHURCHES:** <https://apcwo.org/ministries/churches>

**WORLD MISSIONS:** <https://apcworldmissions.org>