*I Believe in God, BUT Don’t Know Him*

Titus 1:16

**Video Clip**: Rocky II, *Running Through the Streets of Philadelphia*

**Titus 1:16 –** Such people claim they know God, but they deny him by the way they live. They are detestable and disobedient, worthless for doing anything good.

*Becoming obsessed with what people think is the quickest way to forget about what God thinks.*

**Some believe in God . . .**

* **BUT** don’t Know Him. (94% of Americans)

**Video Clip**: Bruce Almighty, *Bruce Meets God*

**James 2:19 –** You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror.

**1 John 2:3-4 –** And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. 4 If someone claims, “I know God,” but doesn’t obey God’s commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth.

**Matthew 7:21-23 –** Not everyone who calls out to me, “Lord! Lord!” will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. 22 On judgment day many will say to me, “Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.” 23 But I will reply, “I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God’s laws.”

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* And Know Him, **BUT** don’t know Him Well.

*Many of us are informed about God, but yet to be transformed by Him.*

**Galatians 4:8-9 –** Before you Gentiles knew God, you were slaves to so-called gods that do not even exist. 9 So now that you know God (or should I say, now that God knows you), why do you want to go back again and become slaves once more to the weak and useless spiritual principles of this world?

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* Know Him Intimately and Serve Him wholeheartedly.

**Psalms 63:1-4 –** O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water. 2 I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory. 3 Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you! 4 I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer.

**Psalms 9:10 –** Those who know your name trust in you, for you, O Lord, do not abandon those who search for you.

**My prayer for you:**

**Ephesians 1:16-19 –** I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, 17 asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. 18 I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. 19 I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe him.

***Brookfield Challenge***:

**As I get to know Him…**

* Heart breaks for things Hunger for his presence
* Forgive quickly Quick to share faith
* Generous heart Grieve over sin
* Care for the poor Fruits of the Spirit
* Compassion for the outcasts Desire to worship and pray

If you seek Him… you will find him.