

SERMON NOTES

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FOR WE KNOW (PART III)

I. WE KNOW — CONFIDENCE IN WHAT GOD HAS DONE

- **Luke 5:24-25** - *But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.*
 - The healed man immediately rose, took up what he had been lying on, and glorified God.
- **Romans 8:28** - *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*
 - We may not understand everything that happens, but we can know that God is working.

II. WHAT DO WE KNOW?

1. **WE KNOW CHRIST - Philippians 3:10** — *“That I may know Him...”*
 - Paul's desire was not merely to know about Christ, but to personally know Christ.
 - Christianity is more than information about Jesus—it is a relationship with Jesus.
2. **WE KNOW WHOM WE HAVE BELIEVED - 2 Timothy 1:12** — *“for I know whom I have believed...”*
 - Paul declares that he knows whom he has believed and is persuaded that Christ is able to keep what has been committed to Him.
 - We may not know what tomorrow holds, but we know who holds our tomorrow.
3. **WE KNOW OUR REDEEMER LIVES - Job 19:25** — *“For I know that my redeemer liveth...”*
 - Job's circumstances were painful and confusing, yet his faith remained anchored in what he knew.
 - When circumstances change, our Redeemer does not change.
4. **WE KNOW THE TRUE GOD - John 17:3** — *“And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.”*
 - Eternal life is knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent.

III. WE KNOW BECAUSE GOD LOVES US

- **Romans 8:28** - God's working is connected with His love and purpose.
- Our Response to God's Love
 - **Matthew 22:37** — *“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.”*
 - **John 14:15** — *“If ye love me, keep my commandments.”*
 - **John 21:15-17** — Jesus asked Peter three times, *“Lovest thou me?”*
 - Peter, who denied being a disciple of Jesus three times before He went to the cross, was now being restored by Jesus, when Jesus asked him three times if he loved Him.
 - Jesus connected Peter's love for Him with his responsibility to feed and care for His sheep.
 - God's love toward us should produce our love toward Him, and our love toward Him should produce obedience and service.

IV. WE KNOW THERE IS A PURPOSE

- **Romans 8:28** says that God works “according to His purpose.”
- **Ecclesiastes 3:1** — “To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven”
- **Isaiah 14:24** — “And as I have purposed, so it shall stand”
- **Jeremiah 29:11** — “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.”
- **Acts 26:16** — Paul was appointed for a purpose and ministry.
- **Ephesians 1:4-5** — We were chosen in Christ and adopted according to God's good pleasure and purpose.
- **2 Timothy 1:9** — God saved and called us according to His own purpose and grace.

V. WE KNOW GOD WORKS ACCORDING TO HIS WILL

- **Romans 8:28** — God works all things together for good according to His purpose.
1. **GOD CAN TURN EVIL INTO GOOD**
 - **Genesis 50:20** - Joseph's brothers intended evil against him, but God used the same circumstances for good.
 2. **GOD IS THE POTTER; WE ARE THE CLAY**
 - **Jeremiah 18:5-6** - God has the authority of the potter over the clay.
 - **Isaiah 64:8** - God is our Father, and we are the clay; He is our Potter.
 3. **GOD'S WORK BEGINS WITH HIS FOREKNOWLEDGE**
 - **1 Peter 1:1-2** - Believers are described as chosen according to the foreknowledge of God.

VI. THE FOUR GREAT “WE KNOW” TRUTHS

1. **WE KNOW CHRIST** - Our confidence begins with knowing Jesus Christ.
 - Philippians 3:10
 - 2 Timothy 1:12
 - Job 19:25
 - John 17:3
2. **WE KNOW GOD LOVES** - God's love gives us confidence, and our love for Him produces obedience and service.
 - Romans 8:28
 - Matthew 22:37
 - John 14:15 / 21:15-17
3. **WE KNOW GOD HAS A PURPOSE** - Our lives are not without direction. God works according to His purpose.
 - Romans 8:28
 - Ecclesiastes 3:1
 - Isaiah 14:24
 - Jeremiah 29:11
 - Acts 26:16
 - Ephesians 1:4-5
 - 2 Timothy 1:9
4. **WE KNOW GOD IS WORKING ACCORDING TO HIS WILL** - Even when we cannot understand the process, we can trust the Potter's hands.
 - Romans 8:28
 - Genesis 50:20
 - Jeremiah 18:5-6
 - Isaiah 64:8
 - 1 Peter 1:1-2