



Heritage Alliance Church
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Authentic Identity
“Known by God”

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘**I never knew you**; depart from me”
Matthew 7:21-23

Identity – Known by God

“I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So, I sacrifice my life for the sheep.” John 10:14-15

“And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” John 17:3

“But you, O Lord, **know me**; you see me, and test my heart toward you.” Jeremiah 12:3

The Testing and Strengthening of Peter’s Identity

Peter’s Calling – Luke 5 – Miraculous catch of Fish

Peter’s Faith – Matthew 14 – Walking on Water

Peter’s Confession – Matthew 16 – “You are the Messiah”

Peter’s Confidence – Matthew 26:33 – “I will never desert you”

Peter’s Denial – John 18, Matthew 26:70-75 “I don’t know the man”

Peter’s Restoration – John 21 “You know that I know you.”

“We know that ‘We all possess knowledge.’ But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. But whoever loves God is known by God.”
1 Corinthians 8:1-3

“Deeper than knowing God is being known by God. What defines us as Christians is not most profoundly that we have come to know Him but that He took note of us and made us His own.”
John Piper

How do you know and be known by God?

We need to have time around the fire with Jesus

Decision to follow Jesus everyday – into the day with Jesus

Reflection on your day with Jesus

Your confidence in your identity as “**being known by God**” will only be as foundational as the amount of time you dedicate to knowing Jesus.

“O Lord, you have examined by heart and know everything about me.
You know everything I do; you know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord.
How precious are your thoughts about me, Oh God. They cannot be numbered.”
Psalm 139:1-4,17