

Living Your Life As Valori

For This You Were Created

The Final Exam Questions

- Did the LORD know you?
- Did you know Him?
- Did you dance with Him?

You have been invited into a
relationship with God.

Have you given Him an answer?



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Does the LORD know you?

- “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evil-doers.’”
- Mt. 7:21-23

How could God **not** know me?

- There is a difference between knowing about or recognizing someone and coming to know him or her as a person in a relationship.
- I know President Bush.
- President Bush does not know me; we have no relationship.
- I could use his name to order people to do things, but I have no permission to do so.
- Identity theft.

Does God know you?

- You cannot have a personal relationship with God apart from Jesus Christ.
- You are separated from God by your sin, failures, and rebellion.
- In that state you are incapable of having a relationship with God.
- In the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ God provided a way to address those things that keep you separated from God.

- John 1:12 “Yet to all who received **Him**, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

Share your life with Him

- Handless receiver on your ear. (prayer)
- Trust in God's character as revealed in the Bible
- Look for the bigger picture, not just your own part of it.
- Keep sharing your questions and feelings to God.

Do you know God?

- Are you coming to know Him? Study His Word and thinking about Him.
- Do you communicate with Him? Prayer
- Are you getting to know His ways, His perspective, His intentions and purpose for your life?

Getting to know your LORD

- You cannot and should not trust someone you do not know.
- How do you get to know God?
- By reading the Bible and observing how God acts and what He says.
- Think about it.
 - What does this tell me about God?
 - What does this tell me about people?
 - What does this tell me about how people relate to God?



“Our Father,
Who does art
in heaven,
Harold is His
name. Amen.”

Reese, 3 years old

Knowing your “Partner”

- Live by faith, confident hope, supported by your loyalty to God
- Remember that the Lord is not wringing His hands; He is in His holy temple
- Reaffirm your confidence in God
- Faith is not in what is happening in my life but in God Himself (who He is)

Meditation: Taking time to think






Silence:
Turn off the noise



Meditation: Psalm 16:7-11



The law of the LORD is perfect,
restoring the soul:
The testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple.
Psalm 19:7

Did you figure out how to live as you were really designed to live?

- We can be off doing our own thing missing why we were given breath.
- We can focus on what is missing rather than what is there.

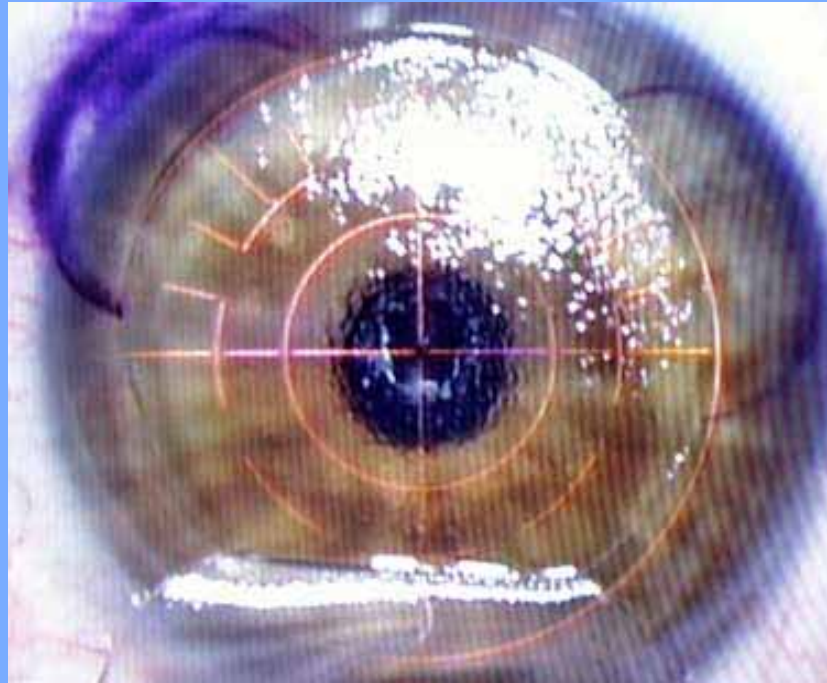
Playing your unique part

- “In the world to come I shall not be asked: ‘Why were you not Moses?’
- I shall be asked: ‘Why were you not Zusya?’”
- Rabbi Zusya quoted by Martin Buber.
- Do you know yourself?
- God **is restoring** our souls.

God has intentions and
purposes for your life and

So does Satan!

We can focus on the past.



“What I was yesterday is the devil’s weapon;
what I could be tomorrow is Satan’s nightmare.”
Jackson Senonga

Focus

- **“...Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” Phil. 3:13**



**“And forgive us
our trash
baskets as we
forgive those
who put trash in
our baskets.”**

4 years old

What does it feel like to live each day knowing you are dying?



What does it feel like to live each day pretending that you are not?

Quoted in Beth Moore, *When Godly People Do Ungodly Things*

Learn to see what is.



See all of life as sacred

- All work is worship.
- Who is being worshipped is the only question?
- Do everything with delight.
- Become aware of spheres of your life: yourself, your family, your friends and acquaintances, the world.
- Balance



If God can manage the
universe,

then He can handle my problem.
Jesus is the author AND finisher
of our faith.

Woman of Valor

- **Be the one in a million woman**
- **Be awed by your relationship with God in a world awed by power, fame, and sex**
- **Be industrious in a culture pursuing leisure**
- **Be compassionate in a culture of indifference**
- **Be enterprising in a culture expecting easy money**
- **Be proactive in a world of passivity.**

- Be a servant in a world impatient to be served.
- Keep confidences in a world of gossip.
- Be a giver in a world of takers.
- Come and see.

You go, girl!



Do you get what life is about?

- Understanding, feeling, and enjoying the **immense** compliment God has paid you by wanting to have a relationship with you.
- Do you trust Him enough to enjoy the relationship?

Dancing with God

- Close relationship
- Trust
- Following His lead
- Coordination
- Moving to the music
- Communication
- Enjoying it

Try worrying and dancing at the same time.



Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.