



SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH
SERMON, 25 JUNE 2023

KNOWING

Jesus

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-11

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**Paul's Ministry:
A Personal Relationship with Jesus**

new life

encounter with Jesus

Paul's Humble Beginning

let go

things were GREAT!

blinded

Open, untampered, eager, patient.
Personal God, Loving Jesus.

Learning from a NEW CHRISTIAN





Giving up control

Isaac: Sacred in his father's heart

God provided

Wholly surrendered, utterly obedient

Learning from Abraham

*“Now Abraham was a man wholly surrendered,
a man utterly obedient, a man who possessed nothing.*

*He had concentrated his all in the person
of his dear son, and God had taken it from him.*

*God could have begun out on the margin
of Abraham's life and worked inward to the center;*

*He chose rather to cut quickly to the heart
and have it over in one sharp act of separation.”*

- A.W. Tozer -



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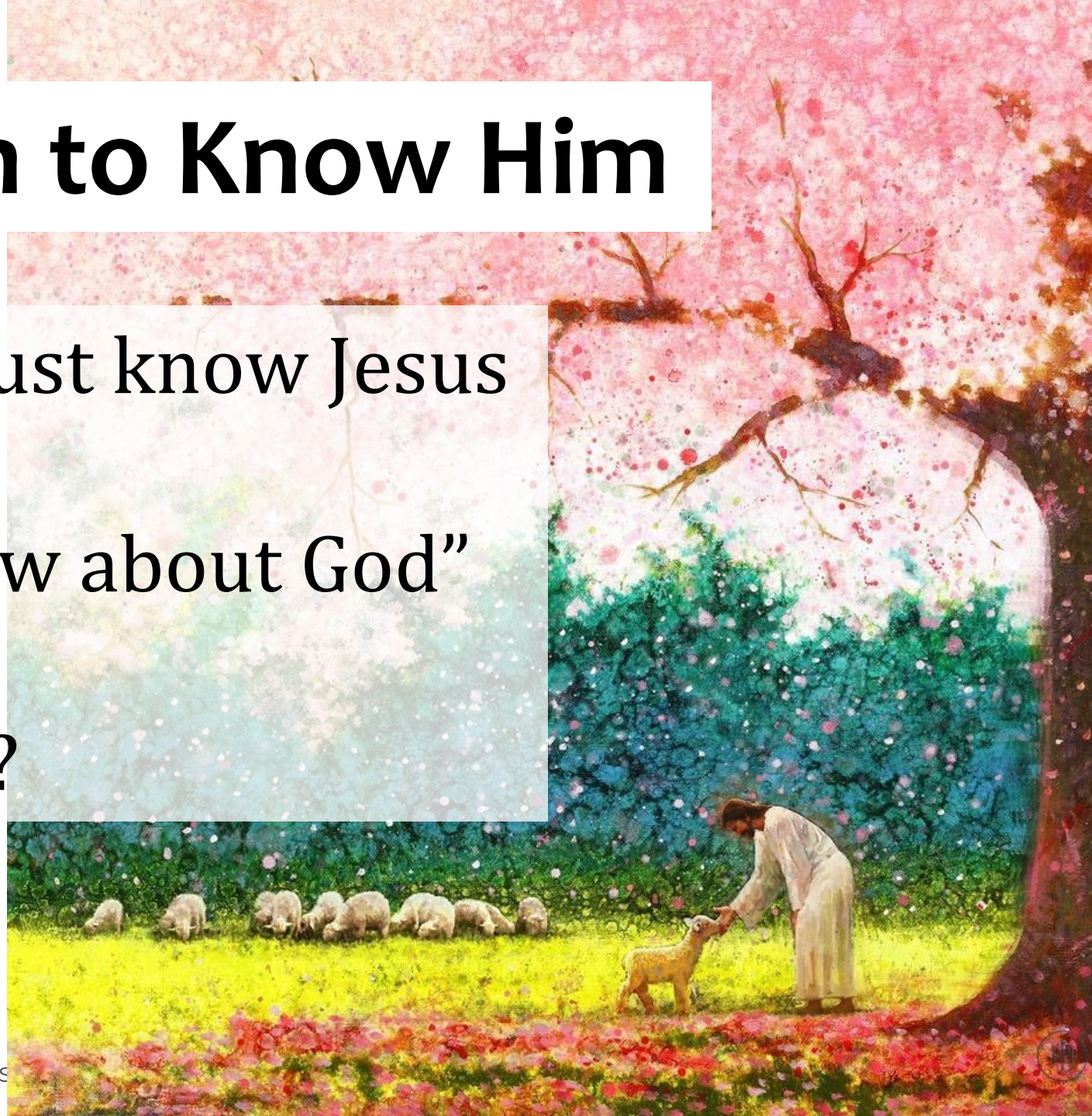
Learning from Abraham

*“So, we will be brought one by one to the testing place,
and we may never know when we are there.
At that testing place there will be no dozen possible
choices for us; just one and an alternative,
but our whole future will be conditioned
by the choice we make.”*

- A.W. Tozer -

Jesus' Invitation to Know Him

- To know God, we must know Jesus
- “Know God vs. “Know about God”
- What is Jesus doing?



*"I find God in the suffering eyes reflected in mine.
If this is how You are revealed to me, this is how
I will forever seek You. I will always seek God.*

Some people find God in church.

Some people find God in nature.

Some people find God in love; I find God in suffering.

*I've known for some time what my life's work is,
using my hands as tools to relieve suffering."*

- Kayla Mueller-

*“¹⁰ I want to know Christ—
yes, to know the power of His resurrection
and participation in His sufferings,
becoming like Him in His death,
¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining
to the resurrection from the dead.”*

- Philippians 3:10-11 (NIV)

Knowing Jesus by Imitating Him



²⁸ “Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30

Knowing Jesus by Imitating Him

The background image shows two oxen, likely water buffalo, harnessed together and plowing a field. They are walking away from the camera, pulling a wooden plow. The field is filled with rows of young green plants, possibly rice seedlings, in dark brown soil. The background is a soft-focus landscape with green trees and a bright sky.

- Following the pace and direction of Jesus
 - Reading the four Gospels
 - ❖ *Authentic portraits of Jesus – not physical attributes but His character and compassion*

Knowing Jesus by Imitating Him

The background image shows two light-colored oxen with large, curved horns, harnessed together to pull a traditional wooden plow. They are walking through a field of dark, rich soil with rows of small green seedlings. The background is a soft-focus landscape with green trees and a bright sky.

- Following the pace and direction of Jesus
- Replicate His internal motivation
- Front-row view of Jesus' life

Knowing Jesus by **Listening** to Him

The word "listen"
contains the same letters
as the word "silent".

an anagram



Knowing Jesus by **Listening** to Him

- Remain silent

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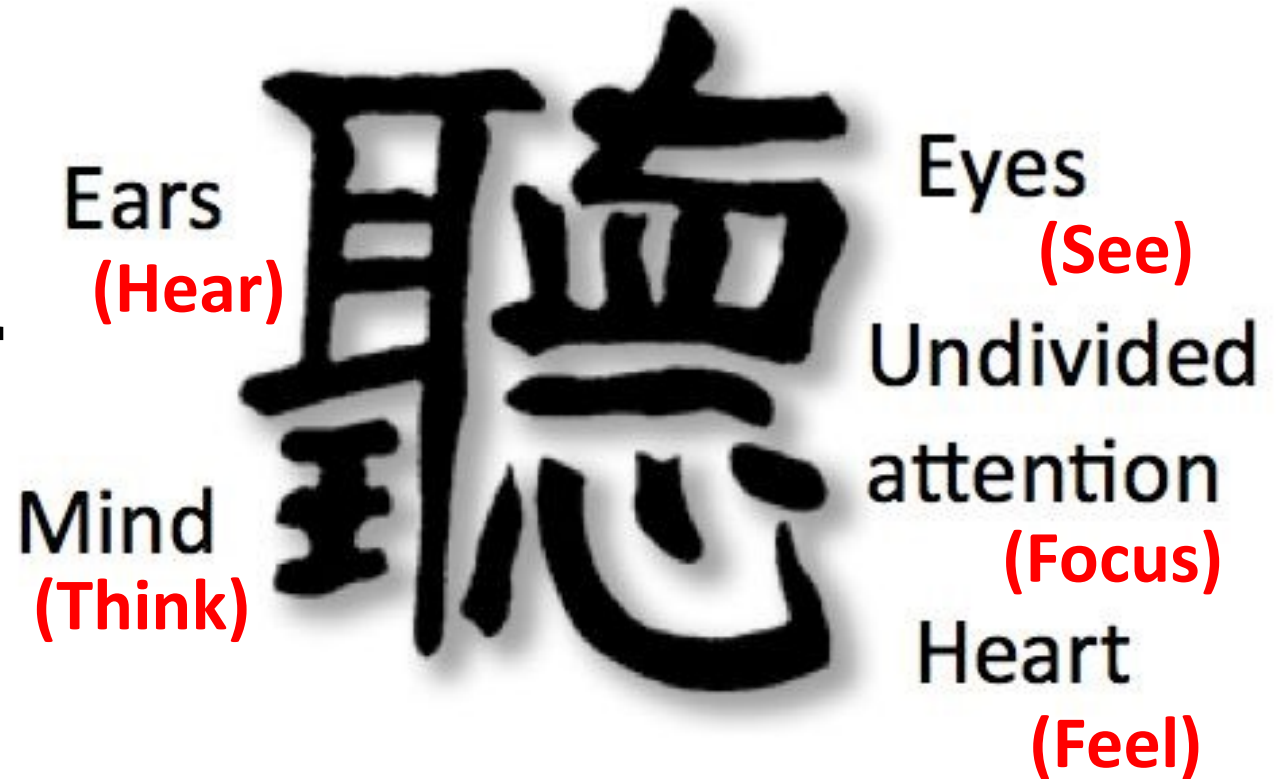
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- Remain silent
- Listening in prayer
 - *Giving space to listen*
 - *Giving space for the Father to speak*



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- Remain silent
- Listening in prayer
- *Lectio Divina*



Praying Through Scriptures

1. Read a Bible passage slowly.
2. Meditate on the text. Is there a word or phrase that resonates in you? Read the passage again.
3. Speak to God through prayer.
4. Rest in His presence.

A silhouette of a man and a child standing on a pier at sunset, with their reflections in the water. The sky is a mix of orange, red, and blue, and the water is dark with white foam from the waves. The man is on the right, looking down at the child on the left. The child is looking towards the man. The scene is reflected in the water in the foreground.

Knowing Jesus

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