A landscape photograph featuring a sunrise over a mountain range. The sun is positioned in the center of the frame, creating a bright glow and lens flare. The sky is filled with soft, golden light, and the mountains below are silhouetted against the bright background. The text 'KNOWING GOD' is overlaid in a large, serif font, with 'KNOWING' on the top line and 'GOD' on the bottom line. The text is rendered in a golden-yellow color that matches the light of the sunrise.

KNOWING
GOD

**There is a difference
between knowing about
God and Knowing God!**

**Do I know God and does
God know me?**

Yada: Hebrew (Strong's H3045)

Found about 946 times in the Hebrew Old Testament. A subjective dimension of knowing, not just objective.

Ginóskó: Greek (Strong's G1097)

Much more an intellectual looking at and connotes objectivity.

(The Greeks did not have a word that properly translated the full meaning of Yada)

There are 2 sides of Yada!

**1) Us experiencing
(knowing) God!**

Jeremiah 9:23-24

²³ This is what the Lord says:

“Let not the wise boast of their wisdom
or the strong boast of their strength
or the rich boast of their riches,

²⁴ **but let the one who boasts boast about this:
that they have the understanding to know (yada) me,**
that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness,
justice and righteousness on earth,
for in these I delight,”
declares the Lord.

Yada:

To perceive, know, find out, know by experience, know a person by experience, to have experience, to take care of someone, (to know someone sexually as in marriage)

At the core, Yada (and Ginóskó) mean “knowledge gained through experience” or experiential knowledge.



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**The people will come to know God by experiencing
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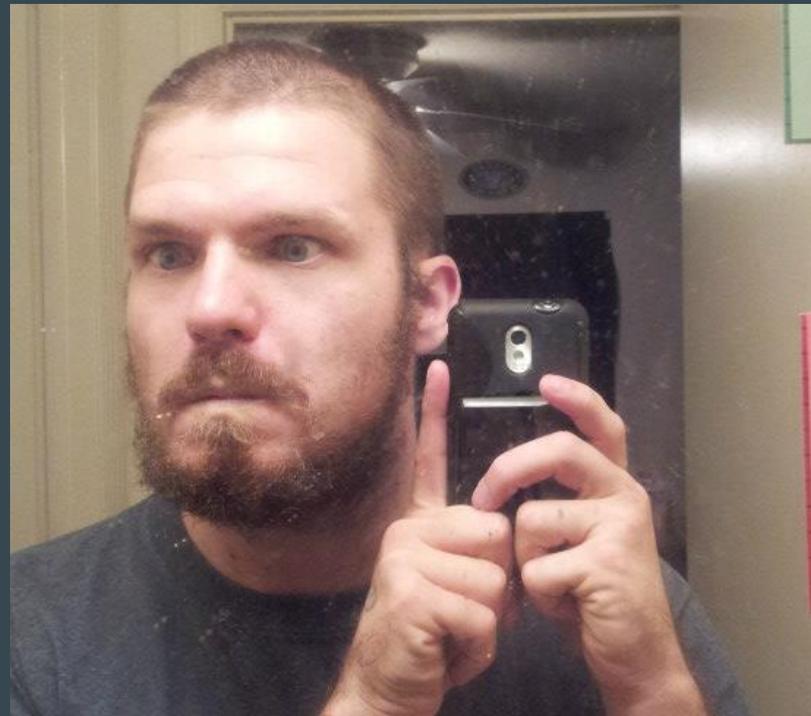
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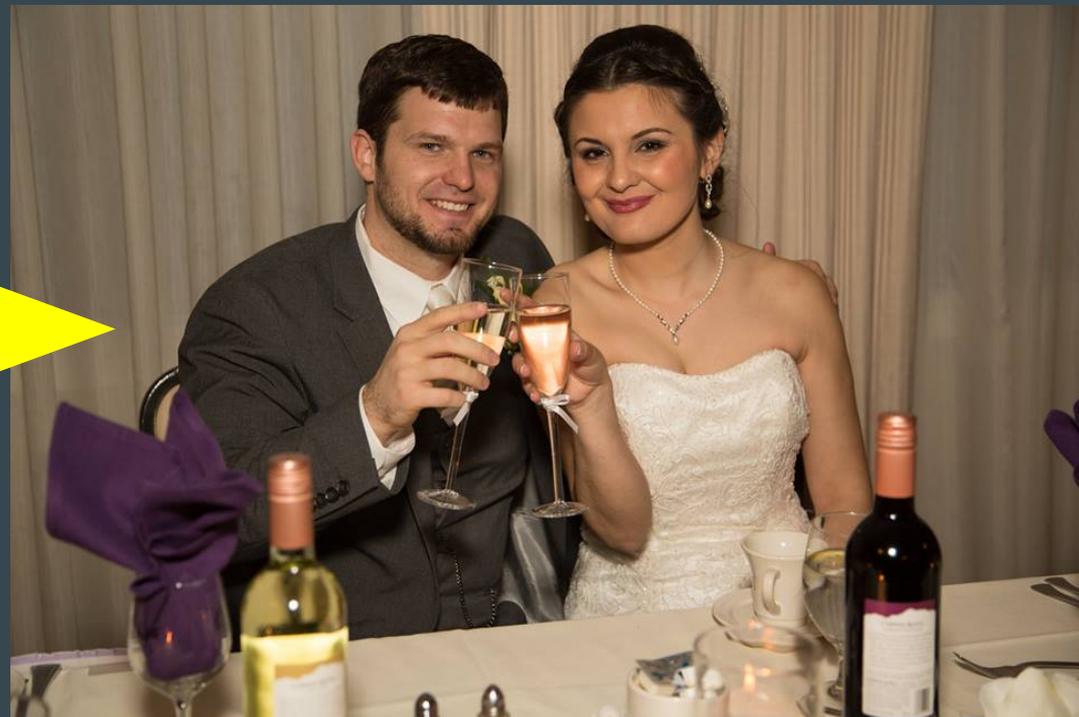
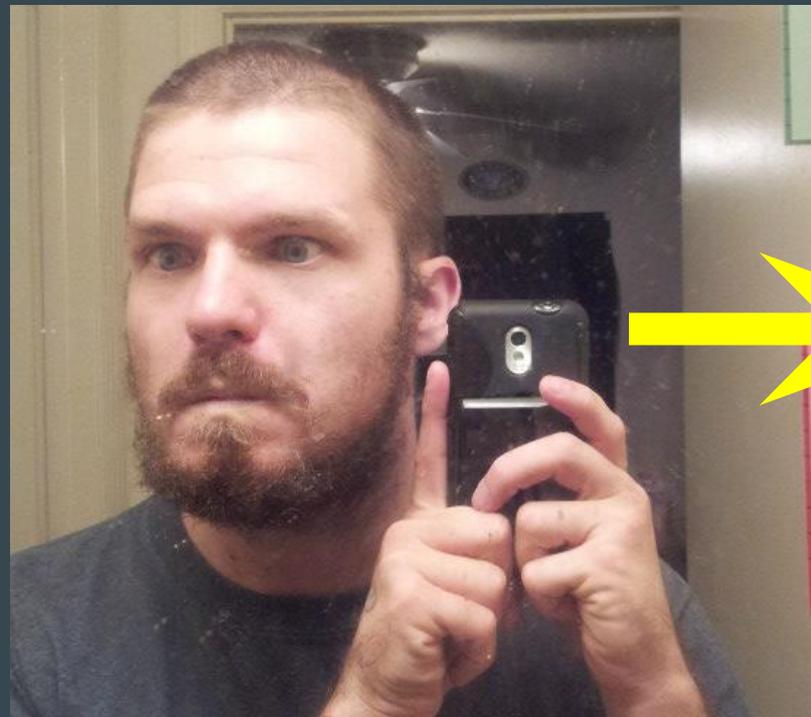
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**Knowing the Lord comes from us having the
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**Knowing God comes from experiencing His
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Matthew 7:21-23

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² 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 in your name perform many miracles?’ ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, **‘I never knew (Ginosko) you.** Away from me, you evildoers!’

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Yes, but not experientially! (He wants to know you through experience - this is the difference between intellect and heart!)

Some of the ways that God wants to know us by experiencing our character:

- Obedience to Him
- Fear of Him
- Belief and Faith in Him (even through hard times)
- Service to Him and like His son, Jesus
- Confession of our sin's
- Knowledge of Him

Knowing God means that we are experiencing His character and He is experiencing our character through our obedience to Him.

It's a two way relationship!



John 8:31-32

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This is an experiential knowledge of the truth, not just intellectual!

By holding to the teachings of Jesus (scripture) we open the door to God being in a relationship with us (knowing us) and we get to experience the truth (not just intellectual knowledge but heart as well) that leads to freedom!

Mark 12:30-31

³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

John 17:1-3

Jesus Prays to Be Glorified

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.

² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

- **Are you experiencing Yada?**
- **Are you experiencing God and is God experiencing you?**