



To Know Him More

By Bryan Trotter on July 23, 2021

TODAY'S READING: Philippians 3

Here is a question for you: If you could meet one person, dead or alive, who would you want to meet? You have probably been asked this question before and it is a bit cliché, but it is still a good one. If you are a Christian, you probably feel obligated to say Jesus or someone from the Bible and that is awesome. Who doesn't want to meet Jesus or Moses or David? It would be a dream to meet them and other historical figures like William Wallace, George Washington, Martin Luther, etc. It is hard to narrow down one person in history to meet because so many people lived incredible lives and did incredible things.

Paul is another person who lived an incredible life and did amazing things. When we look at what he did to advance the gospel, it is mind blowing. According to the cultural standards of that time, Paul had a lot to boast in. Before his Damascus road experience, he lived his life by the letter of the law, yet it led him to a place of tormenting and killing Christians. That changed when he met Jesus. The lineage, rites and stature of his earlier life meant nothing once he met Jesus. He went from a person of respect and honor to someone who was persecuted, beaten, flogged, shipwrecked and imprisoned. For Paul, knowing Jesus was worth losing everything else and enduring the hardship.

A new song I have been listening to on repeat recently is "Hymn of Heaven" by Phil Wickham. One of my favorite lines from the song is, "And on that day, we join the resurrection; And stand beside the heroes of the faith; With one voice, a thousand generations; Sing, 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain'." I LOVE THOSE WORDS. I am almost moved to tears each time I hear those words. I imagine standing shoulder-to-shoulder beside Moses, David, Paul, Martin Luther, Billy Graham, along with mentors, pastors, family and friends, declaring "Worthy is the Lamb!" Thinking of heaven makes me long for heaven but I am not there yet. While our time on earth remains, what are we valuing? What will be said of us in our eulogies? I pray that our lives, like Paul's, would be marked by a zeal to know Jesus more and walk with Him intimately.

Today, take some time to reflect on what holds value in your life. Is it status, wealth or the accolades of friends, family and coworkers? Does everything else seem like a loss compared

to the worth of knowing Christ? Pray to God today to search your heart/motives and align your life with a passion to know Him more.

TOMORROW'S READING: Weekend is for catch-up and review.

MONDAY'S READING: Philippians 4

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