

# KNOWING GOD

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**K**nowing God is a lifetime journey. We praise God for His written Word that is living, active and sharper than any double-edged sword. It speaks to us each moment, in every season of our lives. It gives us comfort, joy, peace, strength, and hope when we need it the most. It also teaches, rebukes, corrects, and trains us in righteousness to keep us walking in the right path.

In Psalm 119, the writer teaches us the value of God's Word as he endures the challenges of his time. He affirms the Word is a lamp to his feet and a guide to his path (v. 105); He asserts it is his delight (v. 92); He acknowledges it is his hope (v. 81). And he attests God's Word is firmly settled in the heavens (v. 89). God's Word is wonderful and grants wisdom (vv. 129-130). These are just some of the beautiful things we see as we behold the majesty of God's Word! When the Psalmist saw

these, he declared, "how sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth" (v. 103). This is what we want you to experience as we go through the Scriptures together – read, reflect, and respond to God's Word in such a way that you will long for it daily as you experience its transforming power in your life!

In 2023, God is leading us to know Jesus in a more intimate way as we grow deeper in love with Him. And there is no other way to accomplish this but to dive deeper into His Word.

I encourage you to join our journey of reading the Bible together chronologically. We will read the Scripture in the order of how the biblical events took place. My prayer is that this approach will not only give you a fresh perspective in your journey of understanding the bible, but also an opportunity to personally encounter

Jesus in His Word that will change your life for the glory of God.

As you go through this bible reading program, may you also develop the spiritual discipline of journaling! Write down whatever the Lord reveals to you as you read and reflect on the particular passage for the day. It will help you remember who God is and how He is actively working in your life.

May you experience the transforming power of God's Word for it is "living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). ✱

