## Day 5 – God the Father is All Knowing

When you were a child, it's likely that you thought your parents, or maybe every adult, knew everything. If you are a parent, you likely try to convince your kids you DO know everything just so they'll obey you more (don't lie, you did that... we all have! 0). There comes a time when kids realize their parents don't know it all. It's good parenting even at times to answer your child's questions with "I don't know" rather than making up something. The reality is we are limited in what we can know, but God the Father is not. He is all knowing.

Read Psalm 139:1-16.

- What does the writer here acknowledge that God knows? (everything about the writer even before he does it)
- How does he express his understanding of God's knowledge in verse 6? (*it's too wonderful for him to know it or ever be able to attain it*)
- How does it make you feel that God knows each of us this well?

If God knits us together and knows our thoughts and what we are going to do or not do in every step we make, it should kind of blow your mind. We can't comprehend this! There's not one thing about us that is hidden from Him and He loves us even in our failures. Is it any wonder that we should praise Him for this?

Read 1 John 3:18-20.

- What reassurance is given here about what God knows? (*He knows everything*)
- What does the knowledge of God being "greater than our heart" mean? (we are limited and allow feelings to cloud the Truth of His knowledge and commitment to us)

Read 2 Peter 3:15-18.

- What warning is given in verse 16 about the ignorant and unstable? (*they will twist Paul's words, Scripture, to their own destruction*)
- How can we avoid this according to verse 18? (grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus)

When we strive to grow in knowledge, too often just for selfish reasons like our jobs or for money or to create status among our peers, we miss the point of following the Father who is all knowing. Truly pressing into understanding God more will reveal His knowledge even more and cause us, like the author of Psalm 139, to recognize it is far too wonderful or above us to grasp it all. And, in that, it should leave us in awe and wonder.

Read *Romans 11:33-36* as a conclusion to our reality that we'll never know what God does.

Pray today that we would humble ourselves to Him and rightly exalt that He knows everything, including us, more deeply than we can imagine. Praise Him for being the God of knowledge.

Close by watching <u>God is Good, by Steven Curtis Chapman</u>.