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Message: "God, What Are You Doing In My Life?"

Philippians 3:7-10

I. Introduction:

Asking questions and listening is better than talking.

Asking the right questions and listening for the answers are the keys to many things: wisdom, learning, ministry and most of all relationships. This includes our relationship with God.

II. The Most Important Reason We Ask Questions:

God is our "Abba Father" which gives us the picture of tenderness, intimacy, trust and vulnerability that a small child has with his/her father.

Children ask questions – lots of questions!

III. What Kind of Questions Should We Be Asking?

Any question you want!

My favorite question: "What are You doing in my life?"

We seek immediate answers but we can only understand those in light of the larger answers God has already given.

**IV. What Has God Already Revealed In Answer To The Question:
What Are You Doing In My Life?**

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- A. He wants us to know Him**
Knowing God is the most important thing in our Christian experience.
- B. “Know” – gnosis/ginosko.** A meaning for beyond knowledge of facts and information. It is experiential knowledge that combines the mind and heart in a relational experience that captivates our entire being.

V. We Have To Be Convinced:

When we come to know Christ, we love God but mostly we love what He does for us. As long as God gives us what we want we are happy with Him.

God will not allow us to stay there. He has promised to grow us into mature believers who “know” God.

VI. God Convinces Us By Revealing the 3 Elements of Knowing Him:

- A. “The power of His resurrection”**
This is life changing power that works both inside and out. These manifestations of God’s power convince us He is good, He loves us and He cares for us.

We like this aspect of knowing God and want it to be the only way we know God.

If this was the only way we would simply love the gifts and not the giver. We also have a very short memory – “What have you done for me lately?”

B. “The fellowship of His sufferings”

This suffering is experienced 2 ways:

- 1) We suffer physically, relationally and for the gospel.
- 2) We suffer as God gives us His heart for the church and the world, for saved and unsaved people.

C. “Being conformed to His death”

Jesus was obedient in taking on human flesh and dying on the cross to set us free from sin and self.

We are conformed to His death by dying to the things that Christ died for so that we can be set free from sin and selfishness.

VII. Putting It All Together: What is God doing in my life? He is drawing you and me into the true knowledge of Himself by doing the following:

- A. He does good and powerful things for us, in us, and around us to convince us He is real, He is good, and He is at work in our lives.**
- B. He lets/brings suffering to us to draw us near in a way that His heart becomes our heart.**
- C. He brings death to self, selfishness and sin in order to bring true life, freedom and transformation to our lives.**

VIII. Questions For You And Me:

- *How is your memory?
- *How is your eyesight?
- *How is your hearing?