



GRACE CHRISTIAN CENTER

LAUNCHING YOUR FAITH

Faith Alive in the 21st Century

Section Two: SAIL ON!

Listening to the Admiral

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INTRODUCTION

We're sailing on a journey about how to be genuine Christians; how to have a Faith Alive in the 21st Century. We have learned about Genuine Repentance, Water Baptism, and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. These are the *beginnings* of your walk with Jesus, but all of this is **MORE THAN DOCTRINE**. This walk is a **PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP** with Him. Jesus is the Admiral.

As we listen to the Admiral, He gives us a **STRONG** instruction. It is **IMPERATIVE THAT WE LET HIM KNOW US**. For you to make the most of your lives you must be **SECURE** in your relationship with Jesus. When you experience that security then your heart will be overflowing with **LOVE** for Jesus and overflowing with love for those around you.

You must have the security of knowing who you are in **JESUS**.

LETTING JESUS KNOW YOU

Matthew 7:21 – 23, Jesus is speaking:

*Not everyone that saith unto me, "Lord, Lord," shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?" And then will I profess unto them, I never knew **you: depart from me**, ye that work iniquity.*

To know means "to be aware, feel, to be acquainted with, to know in an **INTIMATE** manner." Jesus isn't saying that they never knew **HIM** in that way. He's saying, "I never knew **YOU**."

They are people who:

1. Have **FELLOWSHIPED** with Him.
2. Have **EATEN** together
3. Had **COMMUNION**
4. Heard Him **TEACH**
5. Had doctrinal **KNOWLEDGE**

- He says, “I DIDN’T KNOW **YOU!**”

MATTHEW 25:1-13 is the story of the 10 virgins.

They say, “Lord, open to us.”

He says, “Verily, I say unto you I know **YOU** not!”

The bottom line isn’t--- have we evangelized, performed healing, cast out demons, built a church, known doctrine or even known about Him? The bottom line is: **ALLOWING** Him to know—**US!!!!!!!**

WAYS TO OPEN UP TO HIM!

- 1) How we can express our **INNERMOST** being to Jesus.
- 2) How we can **LET** Jesus “know” us!
- 3) How we can **UNVEIL** our thoughts, fears, and souls to Him.

DO TAKE THE TIME.

You must know that **HE** will answer you.

It’s called **ENTWINING!** “To be braided **TOGETHER** with Jesus.”

The is only one way—we **NEED** spend time with Jesus! **STAY** in His presence. Until you know, as Paul knew, that Jesus died to present you (1) **HOLY** (2) **UNBLAMABLE** (3) **UNREPROVABLE**.

Listen carefully:

Many times, the thing that keeps people from God the most is their **NEGATIVE** attitude about **THEMSELVES**. But, you are God’s friend because of what **JESUS** did for you.

**“BECAUSE I LOVE YOU JESUS AND BECAUSE
I WANT YOU TO KNOW ME”**

To let Jesus know you, **YOU** must take time with Him. Sometimes you have to **FIGHT** for time to be with Him.

1) TAKE TIME

Take time **-WAIT**—watch **EAGERLY** be expectant-**FOCUS**.

2) LISTEN

We need to **LISTEN** as we take time with Him.

Statistics show that 90% of the input that people hear every day is **NEGATIVE**.

3) TALK

We need to talk to Him. We need to talk to Him, **NOT** just talk to our best friends, spouses, etc., but to Him!!!!!!!!!!!!

MAKE Jesus your best Friend, talk to Him face to face.

EXPRESS your thoughts to Him.

4) WRITE

You can write to let God "know" you.

SWEET SOMETHINGS

We need to write sweet somethings to Him.



INFATUATED

He is a jealous God, who desires us to be infatuated with Him. He wants us to love Him.



ADORE

He is a jealous God, who desires us to adore Him.



HERO

See Jesus as your hero.



INTIMATE

Be intimate with Him.



PASSIONATE

Be passionate with Him!



IMAGINATIONS

It's OK to have thoughts and imaginations about **JESUS!**



SECRETS

Tell Him your secrets and take **TIME to listen to His. This is the ultimate in real friendship!!!**



Signed: _____

**Delight in being friends with Jesus.
Let Him know you need Him and want Him in your life.
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will never say to you what he says in Matthew 7:21.
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Instead, to you He will say:



**"Come close my friend- I know you and I know you love Me,
and want to get as close to Me as you can!!"**