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## “KNOW GOD, BUT DON’T GET TOO FAMILIAR WITH HIM.”

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### **READ**

*Ephesians 3:14-19, Lamentations 3:22-24*

The Bible teaches us to know God, but we are to never be too familiar with God. What’s the difference? Knowing God is not static. There’s growing in faith, growing in grace, walking in the Spirit, and pursuing righteousness. The depths of our relationship with Him will always increase. But when you fail to make steps of progress, you can become too familiar with God. People who live near railroad tracks can sleep all night long and never even hear the train passing. At first, they heard it and had some sleepless nights, but as time went on, they got used to it. You can get used to anything, but the thing you don’t want to get used to is God. Once you think He is familiar to you, you can go to church and feel no conviction. You can read the Bible out of obligation and get nothing from it. You can actually live in disobedience and it not sting you anymore. Grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus. Step out in faith, climb the mountain of the Lord. Make a sacrifice and do something uncomfortable. If you don’t, God will become so familiar to you that you won’t even hear His voice. Hunger for God, thirst for Him; but at all costs, don’t get too familiar with God.

### **PRAY**

I bow to You, merciful, faithful Lord, and pray that I would know Your love, which surpasses knowledge. Help me to not become too familiar with You but be filled with the fullness of God.

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