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## Known and be Known

## Staff Outing

This weekend we are going to do dinner and a movie.

That's right a MOVIE! We are going to Christianos for dinner and then coming back to Sky Lodge to watch "The Greatest Showman".

It'll be a chill time.

This week we have been talking about what it means to be known by God.

God fully knows us now, He sees everything about us, knows our thoughts, to Him "all hearts are open all desires known, and from Him no secrets are hid. God knows us completely.

In Heaven we will fully realize how completely God knows us because the truth will be revealed. Things you don't even realize about yourself will be made clear. Things hidden away for so long that you've forgotten, beliefs so deep you don't even realize you believe them, will be fully exposed. We will know ourselves for who and what we are.

The Lord's prayer, the same prayer that includes the phrase "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven," ends with these words:

"For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever." Yours....

Pastor Hal use to say,

It's God's kingdom (it's not my kingdom), it's by God's power (it's not my power), and it's for God's glory forever (it's not my glory ever).

The reason being fully known in Heaven can be a good thing is because of Christ, because of the amazing love of Christ that has accomplished so much-even washing away my sin.

Christ will make all the difference then and there. And Christ can also make all the difference here and now.

In other words, being truly known by others in this life can be the richest part of this life, when Christ is the center of it. When it's not all about you. When it's about Christ in you. When the relationship is marked by the truth of Christ, the grace of Christ, the love of Christ.



My most valuable relationships are not necessarily with people who admire me the most or need me the most. They may not even be with those I love the most. They're with people who know Jesus, know me and know me in light of what they know about Jesus.

They're with people who love Jesus, love me and love me with the love they've been given by Jesus.

It's with these people that I can be myself. It's with these people that I can become the person I was created to be.

I don't have to pretend I've got it all together; they know I need grace. Nor can I remain stagnant and apathetic about growing, they love me too much to let that happen.

They're not loving me solely because I deserve to be loved. They're loving me because Jesus loves me, they love Jesus and they're going to love Jesus by loving me.

These relationships I cherish most because these relationships reveal to me what Heaven is like.

-Nathan Oates (Kingdom Come)



## Christian Meme of the week



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