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Know Me

How is it that you think that you will come to know me? I know that is the desire of your heart. That is not a secret to me.

Of that, I am certain. **What makes you certain?** You have placed this passionate desire in my heart to want to know you. I also know that what desires you give, you will also grant. But you have asked me how I will come to know you. **That's right.** You will allow me to come to know you. It is also your desire that I come to know you. So, our desires are in alignment. I want what you want. **That is also correct.** Still, I have not answered your question. **No, you have not.** I do know this, you love me. **Yes, I do love you.** You have gone to great lengths to demonstrate your love for me. You came into this world to live and die for me. You broke the power of sin over my life. You rescued me from a life without you. You adopted me into your family. You made me to be your child. You filled me with your Spirit. You are now guarding and guiding my life. You have lavished me with your love. I now love you because you first loved me. You have filled me with a passionate desire to love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. You put a fire in me to live my life with and for you. There is now nowhere I would rather be than in your presence. There is now nothing I would rather do than follow and serve you. I will follow you to where you lead me. I will do whatever you ask me. I will live my life in an intimate relationship with you. I will walk through life with you. I will think as you thought. I will speak as you spoke. I will live as you lived. This is how I will come to know you. **You have answered well. Yes, you will come to know me as you live your life with and for me. Live as I lived. Walk as I walked.** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

Lord, I love you with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength. Your love for me, and my love for you, is motivating my passionate desire to think, and speak, and act like you. Help me to walk like you walked. Help me to live like you lived. Bear fruit through my life. Amen

The Sacramental Life*Walk As Jesus Did*

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NIV

1 John 2:3-6

The Sacramental Life*Live Their Lives As Jesus Did*

And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

NLT

1 John 2:3-6

The Sacramental Life*Walk Just As He Walked*

Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments. Whoever says, "I have come to know him," but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him: whoever says, "I abide in him," ought to walk just as he walked.

NRSV

1 John 2:3-6

The Sacramental Life *The Same Way In Which He Walked*

And this is how we may discern [daily, by experience] that we are coming to know Him [to perceive, recognize, understand, and become better acquainted with Him]: if we keep [bear in mind, observe, practice] His teachings [precepts, commandments]. Whoever says, I know Him [I perceive, recognize, understand, and am acquainted with Him] but fails to keep *and* obey His commandments [teachings] is a liar, and the Truth [of the Gospel] is not in him. But he who keeps [treasures] His Word [who bears in mind His precepts, who observes His message in its entirety], truly in him has the love of *and* for God been perfected [completed, reached maturity]. By this we may perceive [know, recognize, and be sure] that we are in Him: Whoever says he abides in Him ought [as a personal debt] to walk *and* conduct himself in the same way in which He walked *and* conducted Himself.

AMP

1 John 2:3-6

The Sacramental Life*Walk In The Same Manner*

By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

NASB

1 John 2:3-6

The Sacramental Life*Walk In The Same Way*

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ESV

1 John 2:3-6

The Sacramental Life*Walk Just As He Walked*

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NKJV

1 John 2:3-6

The Sacramental Life*Live The Same Kind Of Life*

Here's how we can be sure that we know God in the right way: Keep his commandments. If someone claims, "I know him well!" but doesn't keep his commandments, he's obviously a liar. His life doesn't match his words. But the one who keeps God's word is the person in whom we see God's mature love. This is the only way to be sure we're in God. Anyone who claims to be intimate with God ought to live the same kind of life Jesus lived.

MSG

1 John 2:3-6

The Sacramental Life*Live As Christ Did*

And how can we be sure that we belong to him? By looking within ourselves: are we really trying to do what he wants us to? Someone may say, "I am a Christian; I am on my way to heaven; I belong to Christ." But if he doesn't do what Christ tells him to, he is a liar. But those who do what Christ tells them to will learn to love God more and more. That is the way to know whether or not you are a Christian. Anyone who says he is a Christian should live as Christ did.

TLB

1 John 2:3-6

The Sacramental Life*Live As Jesus Lived*

We can be sure that we know God if we obey his commands. Anyone who says, "I know God," but does not obey God's commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if someone obeys God's teaching, then in that person God's love has truly reached its goal. This is how we can be sure we are living in God: Whoever says that he lives in God must live as Jesus lived.

NCV

1 John 2:3-6

Walk As Jesus Did

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

The Sacramental Life – 1 John 2:3-6

In Context: *Read 1 John 2*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I love you with all my heart, mind, soul and strength. Your love for me, and my love for you, is motivating my passionate desire to think, and speak, and act like you. Help me to walk like you walked. Help me to live like you lived. Bear fruit through my life. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What will you certainly do if you want to come to know the Lord?

How is your love for the Lord motivating your desire to think and speak and act like Him?

How are your thoughts different because you are walking as Jesus walked and living as He lived?

How are your words different because you are walking as Jesus walked and living as He lived?

How are your actions different because you are walking as Jesus walked and living as He lived?

What fruit has your life born for the kingdom of God because you are walking and living as Jesus did?

How are you coming to know the Lord more and more everyday as you love, follow, and serve Him?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Walk as Jesus walked and live your life as He lived His life.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will help you to walk as he walked and live as He lived.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are walking as Jesus walked and living as He lived.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you walk as Jesus walked and live your life as He lived His Life.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will walk as you walked and live my life as you lived your life.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I walk as you walked and live my life as you lived your life?
