

1. WHEN YOU BELIEVE IN GOD BUT DON'T REALLY KNOW HIM.

"They profess to know God, but they deny him by their actions." Titus 1:16 (NRSV)

"And if you search for him with all your heart and soul, you will find him." Deuteronomy 4:29 (NLT)

"If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me." Jeremiah 29:13 (NLT)

SOME BELIEVE IN GOD

1. BUT DON'T _____ HIM.

"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." 1 John 2:3-4 (NLT)

2. AND _____ HIM, BUT DON'T KNOW HIM _____.

"In the past you did not know God. You were slaves to gods that were not real. But now you know the true God. Really, it is God who knows you. So why do you turn back to those weak and useless rules you followed before? Do you want to be slaves to those things again?" Galatians 4:8-9 (NCV)

3. AND KNOW HIM _____ AND SERVE HIM _____.

"You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands." Psalm 63:1-4 (NIV)

"Those who know your name trust in you..." Psalm 9:10 (NLT)

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MY PRAYER FOR YOU

"I pray for you constantly, asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him." Ephesians 1:16b-19 (NLT)

Notes: _____

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- Where does your faith land: don't know Him, know Him but not well, or know Him intimately and serve Him wholeheartedly?
- Has the Holy Spirit ever prodded you, comforted you, or strengthened you? Share a story of closeness to God.
- Where do you want your faith to be? What are some life changes that could help you get there?