

## Knowing God

I wish you could see it from my perspective  
Because you probably think I'm crazy

Because for a while I was suspicious of the mission of Christians who would talk about "knowing God"

They must be referring to what they know about God, right?

Because how could I know someone whose vocal cords don't work like mine and whose eyes don't make contact when I speak expect me to treat him like a person?

I used to be stuck there

Until I found out that knowing about God doesn't even attach the surface behind the purpose of a lightly used leatherback bible that makes an appearance once a week in the pew

My life looked different after I took God seriously when he said he wanted to have a relationship with me

Here's why

I woke up this morning and I felt gross

Frustration, aggression, and impatience are often there to embrace me when I wake up

And the only way I am capable of shaking them off is sprinting to the only thing that makes me complete

Saying that I'm spending time with Jesus isn't just a cute way to phrase it

Because when I sit down to read the words written about Jesus the fullness of the Spirit who wrote those words sits down with me

When I made the word of God personal is when Jesus became a person to me

Something made me mad

So I picked up the phone and ranted to God about the whole thing

He didn't say anything the entire time because he is the best listener I know

And I grow custom to hanging up the phone before giving him a chance to speak

But instead of answering in a KJV tone that people expect him to, he spoke in my language

On the other side of the line, he said, "hey, I got your back"

Somehow his one line answers answer my fears with a purpose that other people's perfect packaged paragraphs fail to so

He knows what I need to hear because he knows me

I went to a coffee shop by myself

So I asked him to come with me

And I like to people watch so he people watched with me

It's crazy how being in his presence allows me to see things that I used to be blind to

Because I naturally view people as characters in a simulation, until I look deeper and consider what might be going on in their main character lives

That I can gain a love and compassion for people that I know very little about but I'm sitting with the guy who loves that person passionately and is involved in their life in a uniquely specific way

I like myself better when I'm with Jesus because His love just has this effect that rubs off on me

I used to think that prayer was reserved for the big moments only  
That I was supposed to pray about things like college, health, and wealth  
But how strong is a relationship if you only talk when something significant happens  
Because Jesus actually wanted to be the type of friend where I ask for advice on the little details  
of my life  
The type who I ask how I should phrase this text message  
That type that decides if I'm going for a walk or a run that day  
We forget that since he cares about us, he actually cares about the details

Maybe you still think I'm crazy  
But if I tried to have a relationship with someone who wasn't there, don't you think we would  
have gotten a divorce by now  
And I believe you when you say you know about God  
But there is so much more  
Because actually knowing him is like seeing in color for the first time  
And he really wants to get to know you too

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