

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Knowing God August 29, 2017 Suzi Armstrong

This is a season and time that God is revealing Himself to us so that we can know Him better. Our hearts are being stirred to come deeper in intimacy and to grow in relationship with God. This door has been opened by God Himself. Holy Spirit has been wooing and exhorting us to step into more – to receive what God is releasing; to see what He is opening up and revealing. We see God's signs in the skies on a regular basis. His presence is strong and evident in our corporate gatherings. The sound of heaven is more clear than ever before – resonating in our hearts, in our bodies, in our thoughts and in our desires. This has brought greater clarity to who God created us to be and the identity we have in Christ Jesus. Artificial boundaries, fear of man, intimidation and the accusations of the enemy are being shattered. We are passionately in love with our Lord and King. God has been revealing His heart to us. He has been speaking to us to be strong and bold, to step out of old paradigms and step into the new and the now that He is releasing. The sound of heaven is fresh and clear – it resonates in the core of our being. We are experiencing God encounters on a regular basis. This is all happening because God has enabled us to know Him in new ways.

1 John 4.19

We love, because **He first loved us.**

- God is the initiator.
- He gives us revelation knowledge and wisdom coupled together so we can KNOW Him.
- He enables us to see, feel, receive, experience, be filled and changed by His love through revelation knowledge.
- He enables us to respond to His love.
- Our Father wants us to KNOW Him. To know His love, the sound of His voice, the touch of His hand, the might of His arm, the fragrance of His presence, the goodness of His heart, the desires of His heart, the vastness of His beauty, the integrity of His ways. That He is righteous and just in all that He does, that He is the Creator and the Life Giver, that the earth is His and that He is on His throne.



Ephesians 1.17 NIV

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may **give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.**

- Paul prays for the Father to pour out on the believers in Ephesus, the ability to know Him more and to know Him in a deeper way.
 - We can want to know God but He is the one who reveals Himself.
 - God Himself has to give us access to know Him – we can't know Him without Him enabling us to know Him.
- Our Father gives to us the Spirit of wisdom & revelation so that we can know Him better.
- Wisdom and revelation is insight and understanding given to us by God so that we can KNOW Him. We can then connect to Him with greater clarity.
- This opens the door to deeper understanding and deeper relationship.
- Holy Spirit leads us into greater truth through revelation knowledge of God.
- God wants us to know Him, and God is revealing Himself in this day and hour.

- There are portals that God has opened so that we can see Him and know Him in ways that we have not known Him before.
- With each God encounter there is new and deeper knowing Him and knowing the mind of Christ.

Proverbs 2.1-6

¹ My son, if you will **receive my words**
And **treasure my commandments** within you,

² **Make your ear attentive to wisdom,**
Incline your heart to understanding;

³ For if you **cry for discernment,**
Lift your voice for understanding;

⁴ If you **seek** her as silver
And **search** for her as for hidden treasures;

⁵ **Then you will discern the fear of the LORD**
And discover the knowledge of God.

⁶ For **the LORD gives wisdom;**
From His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding.

- As we increase in revelation knowledge of God and encounter Him, the fear of the Lord becomes heavier and more real in our lives because we have seen God in new ways.
- His power and the reality of His being is awing – beyond words or expression.
- Man's response to greater revelation of God is reverence, falling prostrate. There are no words to express His awesome presence, His majesty, His power.



Prophetic word from Suzi Armstrong:

The Lord is saying, Know Me. Seek Me. Let go of distractions. Not only am I revealing Myself but I am revealing dimensions of heaven. This is a time to see. This is a time I am releasing revelation knowledge for you to know Me and My ways. No longer will My ways seem unfamiliar to you. I am training your hands. I am reforming your thoughts as I reveal the mind of Christ. I am breaking limitations through revelation knowledge. This is part of your equipping and the transformational shift that you are in right now. I am giving you new understanding and new knowledge that is breaking the chains of the past. Even as the disciples said to Jesus when He asked them if they would leave Him, they said there was nowhere to go. I say to you that the revelation knowledge that I am releasing to you will erase the bridges to the past – I am removing the links and closing the door to the old ways, the old days, the old times. You will carry a new dimension and deeper revelation of My being and it will change your reality. I am closing old doors and opening new doors. I am giving new access. I am releasing new understanding. Lay hold of all that I am revealing. Know that this is a time of knowing. And in the knowing, I am redefining and reforming and making the new. Today I have opened new doors for still deeper revelation knowledge of My being. I have ignited My fire in your bones. So I say guard your heart, guard your ears, guard what you see, guard our speaking – for out of your heart My sound will resound. The earth is mine and I am revealing Myself to kings and nations. Know where you stand and stand firm for I am unstoppable. See who I am, KNOW Me, for you are Mine.

Proverbs 3.21-26 NIV

²¹ My son, **do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight**,
preserve sound judgment and discretion;

²² **they will be life for you**,
an ornament to grace your neck.

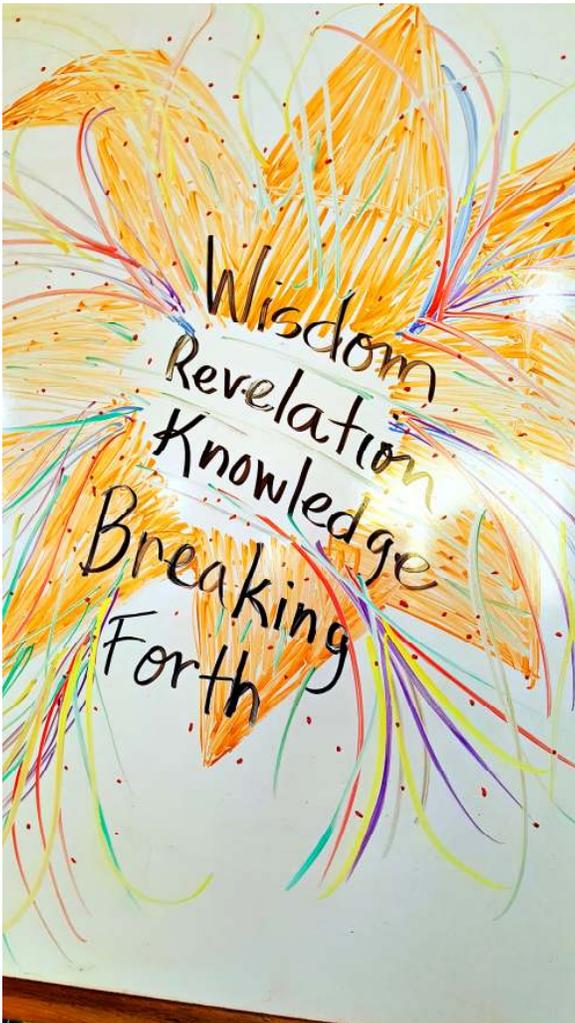
²³ Then you will go on your way in safety,
and **your foot will not stumble**.

²⁴ When you lie down, **you will not be afraid**;
when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

²⁵ Have **no fear** of sudden disaster
or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked,

²⁶ for **the LORD will be at your side**
and will keep your foot from being snared.

- Wisdom and understanding through revelation knowledge will be life for us; will guide us in this new place.
- Knowing God in a fresh and deep place is critical.
 - He will initiate this – we respond.
- This will give us firm footing in yet a new and deeper place.
- Our confidence will be strong – we will be bold and courageous. We have been made ready.



Proverbs 21.22 NIV

One who is wise can go up against the city of the mighty and **pull down the stronghold** in which they trust.

- Through revelation knowledge the stronghold over a city can be pulled down.
- We declare over Detroit that the strongholds of the enemy will be pulled down and God's presence and the sound of heaven will resound from this city!

Daniel 11.32b KJV

...the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

- An exploit is a heroic act; a deed of renown; a great or noble achievement; a great act that extends righteousness.
- Exploits will be performed through ones that KNOW (through extensive revelation knowledge) their God.

Galatians 2.21

I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness *comes* through the Law, then Christ died needlessly."

- God is saying I have poured out My abundant grace upon you to step into the fullness of what I am doing in this time.
- Step into God's grace that is sufficient.
- Grace is God making us able to do and be.
- Lay hold of grace – it is the power to rule and reign with Christ Jesus.

Prophetic word from Lana Vawser:

My people, do not try and work out what I am doing, do not try and 'calculate' in the natural what I am doing. Rest and trust Me and know that I am working FOR you and working something THROUGH you that is greater than you could imagine. KNOW that the plans that I have FOR YOU are better than you could imagine. KNOW that I am going to show up FOR you and THROUGH you in ways that you never thought possible. I am going to show Myself strong in and through you in this season, but there must be a level of surrender to Me that says "Whatever, however, whenever Lord, I want YOU and YOUR ways!!"

There is a great recalibration taking place in the body of Christ right now where the Lord is aligning hearts in surrender to His ways and His timing. Such a deep level of trust to really throw everything upon Him and know that what He is doing is far greater than we could imagine.

There is a new measure of revelation knowledge and wisdom from God that is available right now. We step in, laying hold and receive that that is being extended to us. God is laying bare and disclosing truth. He is giving new instructions that were not known before. God is making Himself visible in new ways. He is releasing revelation knowledge and wisdom to KNOW Him, to see Him, to move with Him. We will not only see God but He is extending to us divine wisdom.

We say, "Let Your kingdom COME! Let Your will be DONE! In us and in our city as it is in heaven!"

