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2) To know the _____ of God's _____

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- You could fit _____, _____, _____ lifetimes in one billion years!
- God considers *YOU* His _____

3) To know His _____ toward us.

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FAITH and **LOVE**

- **FAITH** = believing God enough to *obey Him*.
- **LOVE** = choosing to put others before yourself.

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1) To know GOD MORE

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- The more we do, the more we experience His

PEACE, love, and **JOY**

2) To know the HOPE of God's CALLING

Psalm 23:6 Romans 8:18 Ephesians 1:18

- You could fit **13**, **157**, **894** lifetimes in one billion years!
- God considers *YOU* His **INHERITANCE**

3) To know His POWER toward us.

Acts 1:8 Luke 11:9-13 Philippians 4:13

- **DON'T STOP** asking, seeking, or knocking!

*Bidding me selfish aims to leave,
 And to God's holy will to cleave;
**Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
 Only what's done for Christ will last.**
 Only one life, a few brief years,
 Each with its burdens, hopes, and fears;
 Each with its clays I must fulfill.
 living for self or in His will;
**Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
 Only what's done for Christ will last.**
 When this bright world would tempt me sore,
 When Satan would a victory score;
 When self would seek to have its way,
 Then help me Lord with joy to say;
**Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
 Only what's done for Christ will last.**
 Give me Father, a purpose deep,
 In joy or sorrow Thy word to keep;
 Faithful and true what e'er the strife,
 Pleasing Thee in my daily life;
**Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
 Only what's done for Christ will last.**
 Oh let my love with fervor burn,
 And from the world now let me turn;
 Living for Thee, and Thee alone,
 Bringing Thee pleasure on Thy throne;
**Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
 Only what's done for Christ will last.**
 Only one life, yes only one,
 Now let me say, "Thy will be done";
 And when at last I'll hear the call,
 I know I'll say "twas worth it all";
**Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
 Only what's done for Christ will last.***

6) What do you most need to remember from this week's message or food for thought?

Food for Thought for the week of June 18, 2023

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1) This week we saw how God wants us to know Him, the hope of His calling, and His power toward us. In which of these three areas do you have the most room for personal growth?

2) What do the following passages reveal about God?

1 Timothy 1:17 - "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."

Colossians 1:15-18 - "[15] He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. [16] For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. [17] And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. [18] And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence."

2 Samuel 22:2-4 - "[2] And he said: "The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; [3] The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My Savior, You save me from violence. [4] I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies." Do you think there is a difference between knowing this truth and *living* in this truth? Why or why not?

3) What do the following passages reveal about the hope of His calling?

John 14:1-2 - "[1] "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. [2] "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

John 14:16-18 - "[16] "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- [17] "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. [18] "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."

Psalms 23:6 - "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever."

1 Peter 1:3-9 - "[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, [4] to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, [5] who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. [6] In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, [7] that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, [8] whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, [9] receiving the end of your faith--the salvation of your souls."

4) What do the following passages reveal about God's power?

Genesis 18:14 - "Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son."

Job 42:2 - "I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You."

Jeremiah 32:17 - "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You."

Matthew 19:26 - "But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.""

Ephesians 3:20-21 - "[20] Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, [21] to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

5) What stands out to you from the following poem by missionary C.T. Studd?

Two little lines I heard one day,
Traveling along life's busy way;
Bringing conviction to my heart,
And from my mind would not depart;
**Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.**
Only one life, yes only one,
Soon will its fleeting hours be done;
Then, in 'that day' my Lord to meet,
And stand before His Judgement seat;
**Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.**
Only one life, the still small voice,
Gently pleads for a better choice