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## Groups | If I Only Knew

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### Get Started

Welcome to Spring Groups!! We are excited to do life with you! We pray that you find community that will create lifelong friendships!

**Icebreaker:** If you could go back in time and change one thing, what would it be?

### Start with Scripture

**13** And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: "I *am* the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. **14** Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. **15** Behold, I *am* with you and will keep<sup>[a]</sup> you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you."

**16** Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know *it*." **17** And he was afraid and said, "How awesome *is* this place! This *is* none other than the house of God, and this *is* the gate of heaven!"

## Make it Personal

This week, Pastor Stephen began a brand-new series called **Keep The Change**. The goal of this series is to increase our awareness of who God is and what He is doing. Today's message was titled **If I Only Knew**. If you knew what you know now what would you do differently? If you truly knew who God was what would you do differently? This week Pastor Stephen discussed the disconnect Jacob had when he was in Haran and declared that **"The Lord was in this place and I did not know it"** Pastor broke down three different ways that we should desire to know God.

Here are three thoughts we discussed

- **Point 1: The Love of God** – What if I told you that your comprehension of how much God loves you will dictate how much He can fill you. Our understanding of who God is begins with understanding His love for us. Unfortunately, we've never experienced a love like God's love. We've experienced a performance love, transactional love, or an erratic love. We then apply these characteristics to our relationship with God. God's love is perfect and the sooner we understand that the sooner we can experience a full life.
  - **Q** – What resonated most with you from this part of the message?
  - **Q** – Read Ephesians 3:17-19 (NIV). How does this scripture resonate with you?
  - **Q** – Read Romans 5:8 (NKJV). How does this scripture resonate with you?
  - **Q** – What kind of love have you experienced and how has it effected your relationship with God?
  
- **Point 2: The Goodness God** – The love of God is different from the goodness of God. The goodness of God wants to move you forward in life. The goodness of God will show up at the worst moments of your life. At Jacob's worst

moment God began to speak promises over him. You've been adopted into the family of God and He has an inheritance for you.

- **Q** – What resonated most with you from this part of the message?
  - **Q** – Read Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV). How does this scripture resonate with you?
  - **Q** – Read Romans 8:14-16 (NKJV)
  - **Q** – Give one example when you experienced the goodness of God.
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- **Point 3: The Lordship of God** – God is not just our friend, but He is also our Lord. Many times, we try to accomplish the promises of God in our own strength and forgot that God is Lord of all. The bible says He is the same yesterday, today, and forevermore. He is Lord over you past, future, and current situation. We need to trust that He is Lord and let Him lead us.
    - **Q** – What resonated most with you from this part of the message?
    - **Q** – Read Proverbs 3:5-7 (NKJV). How does this scripture resonate with you in the aspect of leading?
    - **Q** – How have you been taking control of your life and not letting God be Lord over your life?

### **Takeaway Points:**

- Your comprehension of how much God loves you will dictate how much He can fill you.
- God is already working on your behalf.
- This is the worst my life will ever be!
- You have an inheritance.

### **Activity:**

Give your groups 5 minutes to write down a practical next step from today's discussion.

## **Prayer Requests**

- Ask your group members to share any prayer requests they have.
- Pray and close out your group.

## Reminders

- Be sure to take attendance today!
- Continue to add and accept people to your group.
- **Announcements:**
  - Growth Track Step 2 is this Sunday!
  - Men's Night is April 19th! Register your seats! <https://theunionchurch.com/events>
  - Catalyst is April 26th! Register your seats! <https://theunionchurch.com/events/>
  - Fast Track is April 27! Register for seats: <https://theunionchurch.com/events/>