If You Knew (2 Corinthians 4:7)

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INTRODUCTION

- Knowledge can be both powerful and transforming.
- One of the major reasons why folks do not sign on to submission to the King of Kings and glorifying him daily in their lives is because of what they do not know.

1 The Surpassing Value of the Gift of God

Acts 13; James 1:18

- If we only knew the value of God's gift. It's true and inestimable worth.
- We are asking him, give me living water when we are baptized into Christ.
- The living water that we imbibe causes us to come into fellowship with the most perfect being that we desperately need.
- And not just fellowship with God, but those who can provide a human touch as well. Fellowship with his people.

2 The God of This World Blinds the Minds

2 Corinthians 4:4

- Why they find themselves without the water of life and basically not even wanting it.
- The devil doesn't want you to see this. He doesn't want you to value this. He wants you to think you don't need this.
- The God of this world blinds the minds of the unbelieving. Paul says in 2 Corinthians chapter 4 and verse 4.
- If the gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

3 The Cost Versus the Yield

Luke 14:28; 2 Corinthians 4:5–7

- And the reason why I'm not going to do it is because it's going to cost me something.
- Sit down first and calculate the cost. He would say in Luke chapter 14.
- We should instead look at the yield that is provided, which is far greater than any of the costs.
- We have this surpassing treasure in earthen vessels. And that the power may be of God and not of ourselves.

4 Enthralled With Other Things

- They're just enthralled with other things.
- The world is just so compelling in all of its trinkets and all of its electronics and all of its things that draw us and woo us and seem to satisfy us very temporarily.

- You do them and they're done. And you have to do something else, and something else, and something else.
- When you embrace it, you are enthralled with the inferior, not the superior.

5 Irrational Fears

Acts 8

- Irrational fears. But they make sense to us in the moment. But they're irrational.
- How many people are present is irrelevant. I don't think there was a big audience when the eunuch obeyed the gospel in Acts chapter 8.
- And I think some people have a fear of failure. I'm not sure I can live the Christian life.
- Failure is not final. You can overcome failure.
- Failure is always foolish, but yes, indeed, it is not final. And we do have heavenly assistance in this journey and hope beyond our failures.

6 The Conscience Can So Quickly Be Silenced

- The conscience can so quickly be silenced. As we go back to our comfortable worldly path.
- He trembled, and then he said, No, go your way. I don't want to consider this any longer. I'll call for you at another time.
- Silence the conscience. Go back to your comfortable life. But the comfort is only comfortable until it's not.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you going to drink of the sustenance that truly fills your life and soul unto eternity? Are you going to settle for less?

MY NOTES