

Who Do You Know?

There are many famous people in the world that I know about. I know about John Howard, George Bush, Sting, Tom Cruise, Rove and Jimmy Barnes to name a few. Though I know what these people look like, and what they have done in their lives, I can't say that I know them.

If any of these famous people saw me they'd have no idea who I was even though I could recognize them immediately. This is because, even though I know about them, I don't have a personal relationship with any of them.

The same sort of situation often occurs with Jesus. Many people know about Jesus. They celebrate his birthday, they remember his death and resurrection, they even know a little bit about his life, but they don't have a personal relationship with him.

You can read about Jesus by reading the Bible and you can learn how to be like Jesus by reading the Bible but you still may not have a personal relationship with him.

I will not have a personal relationship with any of these famous people until I meet them, shake their hands and begin to communicate with them regularly.

In the same way, you will not have a personal relationship with Jesus until you meet him and begin to communicate with him regularly. This is called prayer.

Prayer is activated not by the folding of the hands or the closing of the eyes, but by faith. You can begin a personal relationship with Jesus Christ simply by talking to him with the faith that he is listening to every word you say.

So the question remains: Do you know Jesus or do you only know about Jesus?

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