

**Ignite Your Passion ...
The Passion to Know Jesus**

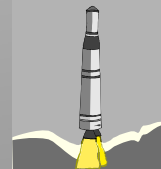
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Overview

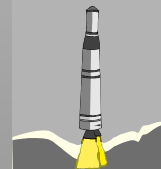
- “The What” - what is “passion” or “knowing” anyway?
- “The Why” - Biblical Perspective on the passion to know God and Jesus
- “The How” - How I Pray this Will Look in Our Lives
- Closing Challenge (by God’s grace and power) ...



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“The What” – Passion and Knowing

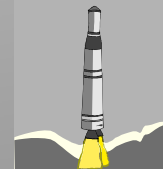
- American Heritage Dictionary defines **passion** as: a powerful emotion or appetite, ardent (warm, enthusiastic) or adoring love, an abandoned display of emotion
- What does “**know**” mean?
 - Hebrew (OT) word for know has to do with ability, acknowledging, understanding, experiencing, discovering, becoming familiar with, etc.
 - Greek (NT) word for know has to do with coming to know (implies that it takes time), recognizing, perceiving, being sure, comprehending, finding out, feeling, understanding, realizing, certainty, taking notice, etc



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Psalm 63

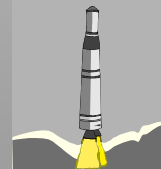
- ¹ O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- ² I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.
- ³ Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.
- ⁴ I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.
- ⁵ My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.
- ⁶ On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night.
- ⁷ Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings.
- ⁸ My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.
- ⁹ They who seek my life will be destroyed; they will go down to the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁰ They will be given over to the sword and become food for jackals.
- ¹¹ But the king will rejoice in God; all who swear by God's name will praise him, while the mouths of liars will be silenced.



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“The Why” - Biblical Perspective on the Passion to Know God and Jesus

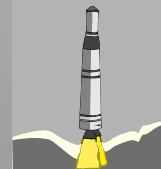
- **Psalm 46:10** God’s Word commands us to know (and acknowledge and exalt) God!
- **Mark 12:24** We can make big errors in life and ministry if we don’t know the Lord and His Word
- **John 17:3** Eternal life begins now, and it is knowing God and Jesus (heaven is kind of like icing on the cake)
- **Galatians 4:9** Knowing God is really being known by God



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- **Philippians 3:8** There is nothing better nor more important than knowing Jesus!
- **2 Peter 3:18** Thankfully, knowing Jesus is a growth area in life!

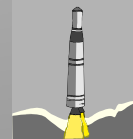


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How this Can Look in our Lives

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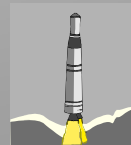
- Know Jesus' everlasting love (Ephesians 3:19, I John 4:10)
- Know His amazing gracious salvation (2 Corinthians 8:9, Ephesians 2:8-9)
- Know His Word (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 4:12)
- Know His Lordship over our lives (2 Peter 2:19-20, Luke 6:46) – He also deserves to be our Lord/Master
- Know His Character (Philippians 2:5-11)
- Know His will for the world and for our life (I Timothy 1:15-16, Jeremiah 29:11, Matthew 28:19-20)
- Know His power and strength to live for Him and be used by Him (Philippians 3:10-11, John 15:5)



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Closing Challenge

- Break up into groups of 4 or 5
- Process and discuss where you are in your passion to know Jesus Christ and where you'd like to be ...
 - how might I now live differently as a result by God's grace and power?



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