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Grace Notes Program
SERIES: INTIMACY with GOD
TITLE: No Intimacy w/o knowledge
SONGS: TO KNOW HIM IS TO LOVE HIM
OUT OF HIS GREAT LOVE

Welcome to 'Grace Notes' brought to you by Sandbek Concert Ministries. Let's join concert artist, conference speaker, and author, Barbara Sandbek, as she begins her series on 'INTIMACY WITH GOD' with an old song and a great message.

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*** TO KNOW HIM IS TO LOVE HIM * (modified by Barbara Sandbek)**

******* LENGTH: 2:26**

**To know, know, know Him
Is to love, love, love Him
Just to see His smile
Makes my life worthwhile
To know, know, know Him
Is to love, love, love Him
And I do.**

**I'll be true to Him
Give my heart to Him
And I know there'll come a day
When I'll walk alongside of Him
To know, know, know Him
Is to love, love, love Him
And I do.**

**God helped me see
Jesus died for me
Now I believe
Our love was meant to be – uh oh yes**

**To know, know, know Him
Is to love, love, love Him
Just to see His smile
Makes my life worthwhile
To know, know, know Him
Is to love, love, love Him
And I do.
And I do.
Yes I do!**

**That song may have taken you back a few years...
- Did you catch the message?**

**We're so glad you've decided to tune in.
Today I want to start our series on INTIMACY WITH GOD
by asking a question.**

Do you really want to know God?

**J. Oswald Sanders wrote in his book, 'Enjoying Intimacy with God'
that we are as intimate with God now & in the future as we choose to be.**

**I took exception to that at first...but the more I thought about it...the more I
agreed.**

You see..

Our ability to KNOW GOD is LIMITED only by OUR DESIRE to know HIM.

**I remember when our oldest son was growing up he wanted to be a
pitcher. He asked his coach what he had to do to become the best pitcher
there ever was. His pitching coach said, "Son, you gotta want it".**

It takes effort. Nothing good comes easy!

**Years ago, one of my pastors took poll of our congregation to see what their
top ten most requested topics were. 'How to study the Bible' was one of them.
On the night he gave this message, he started elaborating on tools we could
use to help us understand. Then he stopped short and said...**

**"You really don't want to learn how to study the Bible,
do you; you just want to be spoon fed".**

He was right.

Do we truly desire to have a relationship with God?

**The truth of the matter is the desire doesn't come naturally.
It comes supernaturally, and only by the wooing of Holy Spirit.**

1 Corinthians 2:14 says...

**'The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the
Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand
them because they are spiritually discerned.'**

**God made us with a spiritual void that can only be filled with Himself...
SO HE INITIATES the process.**

There is NO INTIMACY without KNOWLEDGE.

I first (SAW) Dale (my now husband) at a Youth For Christ rally.

I was 12 & he was 14.

I thought he wasn't interested. He was older and had a girlfriend.

I figured he was UNREACHABLE.

But I liked what I SAW.

I was CURIOUS, so I asked his friends and HEARD that he was interested in me, too. Too bad for her.

God gives us ways to KNOW HIM, first by what we SEE.

Look at CREATION.

Romans 1:20 states..

'Since the creation of the world, God's INVISIBLE qualities, His eternal power and divine nature have been CLEARLY SEEN, being understood from what has been MADE so that men are without excuse!'

Psalm 14:1 says, 'The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."'

How can anyone look at a flower and think it just happened by chance?

Some people may find it easy to pan off the creation effort to the BIG BANG theory, but how can they possibly think this same theory could be used to justify how the universe is being sustained.

Jesus, the SON of GOD, is the Creator and Sustainer of ALL things.

Colossians: 1:15-17 reads...

'He (Jesus Christ) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created, things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities, all things were created BY HIM and FOR HIM. He is before all things and in HIM all things hold together.

And, to get our attention, it says in Job 37:6-7...

He (God) says to the snow, "Fall on the earth" and to the rain shower, "Be a mighty downpour". So that all men He has made may know His work He stops every man from his labor.

No one can excuse the existence of God. He can be CLEARLY seen.

God gives us ways to KNOW HIM; first, by what we SEE, and second, by what we HEAR through His WORD.

Romans 10:17 confirms this..

Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the WORD of God.

Why would a God who creates in such detail, with such order, not also find a way to communicate to us in a language we can understand?

The Bible is God's love-letter to us.

God helped us further believe by bringing His WORD to us in visible form.

John 1:14 reads..

And the WORD (Christ) became FLESH and dwelt among us. And we beheld His Glory, the Glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

God showed He's REACHABLE when He CAME to LIVE among us in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ.

God proved He's INTERESTED in us.

2 Corinthians 8:9 states...

For we know the GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ, in that though He was RICH, yet for your sakes He became POOR, so that you though His poverty might become RICH.

He came as a BABY, not a KING.

He came as a servant, not to be served.

He came to show us that we can TRUST His FATHER, even if we don't understand his ways.

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by Barbara Sandbek

***It's hard to understand the way
our Father works sometimes.
It seems too often life's pathway
yields mountains we can't climb.***

***The good die young, the faithful suffer,
the wicked take first place.
At times we struggle so 'neath the load
we hardly start the race.***

***But without faith we cannot please
our blessed Lord above.
He told us He'd be true to us.
He showed us by His love.***

***No one would care to offer up
their only Son for me;
To suffer, bleed and die for sin
to pay my penalty.***

***So how can I refuse to trust
my Heavenly Father's care?
He made me part of His great plan
and in His wealth I'll share.***

***I'll cast my burdens, cares and fears
at my dear Savior's feet
And trust that He and I will share
A fellowship that's sweet.***

God gave up everything to prove He's INTERESTED in us.

Why did He do it? OUT OF HIS GREAT LOVE.

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***** OUT OF HIS GREAT LOVE *** LENGTH: 2:21**

CHORUS

***Out of His great love He picked me up
Set my feet on a sturdy rock
Out of His great love I've learned the meaning of
Salvation out of His great love. (repeat)***

VERSE 1

***I had gone astray - I had lost my way
When I called upon His Name
And He rescued me - now the song I sing
What a loving God is He.***

(repeat chorus)

VERSE 2

***Now I shout His praise through all my days
For His endless mercy and Grace
There's no other One who has greater love
With joy I will ever sing***

(repeat chorus)

Tag: Salvation out of His great love

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**Join us again next time when we'll continue our discussion on
'INTIMACY with GOD'.**

Until then, let your Grace Notes be a song of praise.