

“THAT I MIGHT KNOW HIM”

PHILIPPIANS 3:10

INTRODUCTION

TODAY, MANY PEOPLE ARE DETERMINED TO GET PROMOTIONS, A HIGHER DEGREE OR A BETTER 401 K PLAN.

MANY STUDENTS ARE DETERMINED TO GET BETTER GRADES IN SCHOOL.

AS THE ELECTION YEAR HEATS UP, WE HEAR ABOUT HUNDREDS OF POLITICIANS WHO ARE DETERMINED TO GET ELECTED OR RE-ELECTED TO IMPORTANT OFFICES.

BUT I WONDER HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE DETERMINED TO KNOW CHRIST BETTER?

YOU SEE, YOUR DETERMINED PURPOSE TELL A LOT ABOUT YOUR MIND SET, YOUR CHARACTER, AND YOUR USEFULNESS TO GOD.

I AM TROUBLED OVER THE FACT THAT WE HAVE BECOME CONTENT WITH ONLY HAVING A CASUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

MANY FOLK JUST WANT TO KNOW HIM TO ASSURE THEMSELVES AN AFTERLIFE WITH HIM, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THEY DON'T HAVE A REAL DESIRE TO KNOW HIM RIGHT NOW.

THROUGHOUT THE SCRIPTURE, THE GREAT MEN AND WOMEN OF GOD HAD A PASSION TO TRULY KNOW GOD:

- 1. MOSES SAYS TO GOD IN EXODUS 33:18: “I PRAY YOU SHOW ME YOUR GLORY.”**
- 2. DAVID SAID IN PSALM 42:1: “AS THE DEER PANTS FOR THE WATER BROOKS, SO MY SOUL PANTS FOR YOU.”**
- 3. AND PAUL SAYS IN PHILIPPIANS 3:10: “THAT I MIGHT**

KNOW HIM AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERING.”

DID YOU KNOW THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO BE A CHRISTIAN AND NOT REALLY KNOW GOD?

IN A DISCOURSE JESUS HAD WITH PHILLIP IN JOHN 14:8-9, AFTER HAVING FOLLOWED JESUS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, PHILLIP SAID TO JESUS, “SHOW US THE FATHER.”

AND JESUS REPLIED, “HAVE I BEEN SO LONG WITH YOU, AND YET YOU HAVE NOT COME TO KNOW ME?”

MAYBE THE PROBLEM IS THE WORD “KNOW.”

WHEN THE BIBLE TALKS ABOUT KNOWING GOD, IT IS NOT TALKING ABOUT A MERE INTELLECTUAL EXERCISE.

KNOWING GOD DOES NOT JUST MEAN KNOWING FACTS ABOUT GOD;

TO KNOW GOD IS NOT JUST RECITING HIS BIBLICAL RESUME OR HEARING TESTIMONY OF WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR SOMEBODY ELSE.

KNOWING GOD INVOLVES ENCOUNTERING HIM AND FINDING OUT THAT HE IS WHO HE SAY HE IS.

ILLUSTRATION

I SAW A SIGN WHICH READ, “IF YOU WERE ON TRIAL FOR BEING A CHRISTIAN, WOULD THERE BE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO FIND YOU GUILTY?”

FATHERS, WHEN YOUR WIFE AND CHILDREN LOOK AT YOU, CAN THEY SAY: “MY HUSBAND OR MY DADDY CERTAINLY KNOW THE LORD?”

DO THEY SEE YOU MORE INTERESTED IN SPORTS, THE JOB AND PLEASURE THAN YOU ARE IN THE THINGS OF GOD?

DO THEY SEE YOU ON YOUR KNEES IN PRAYER AND READING THE BIBLE?

DO THEY SEE AND HEAR YOU CURSING GOD INSTEAD OF PRAISING GOD?

DO THEY SEE YOU PAYING YOUR TITHES, OR DO THEY SEE YOU ROBING GOD INSTEAD?

WHETHER YOU REALIZE IT OR NOT, YOU ARE ON TRIAL AS A WITNESS TO WITNESS JUST HOW CLOSE YOU REALLY ARE TO THE LORD.

TRANSITION

AS MY TENURE COMES TO A CLOSE, IT IS MY PRAYER THAT, LIKE PAUL, “WE MIGHT KNOW HIM.”

PAUL COULD HAVE BOASTED ABOUT MANY MENTIONABLE THINGS, BUT HE CHOSE TO FOCUS ONLY ON KNOWING HIM.

IT MIGHT SEEM SURPRISING THAT PAUL SAYS HE WANTS TO KNOW GOD IN PHILIPPIANS 3:10.

AFTER ALL, HE KNEW ALL ABOUT GOD FROM HIS INTENSE TRAINING IN THE LAW AND HIS LOFTY STATURE IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY.

IN PHILIPPIANS 3:4-7, PAUL EXPLAINS THAT HE MET ALL THE RELIGIOUS QUALIFICATION OF THE DAY, AND HE WAS AT THE APEX OF JEWISH LEADERSHIP;

PAUL KNEW ALL ABOUT GOD, BUT HE DIDN'T REALLY KNOW GOD UNTIL HE MET JESUS ON THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS.

PAUL'S LIFE CHANGED BECAUSE GOD REVEALED HIMSELF TO PAUL.

PAUL SAID, “WHATEVER THINGS WERE GAIN TO ME, THOSE THINGS I COUNT LOSS FOR THE SAKE OF CHRIST.”

PAUL HAD TO WILLING TO TURN HIS BACK ON ALL OF HIS HUMAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS, IN ORDER TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS CHRIST.

BUT IN VERSE 8, PAUL SAID, “MORE THAN THAT, I COUNT ALL THINGS TO BE LOSS IN VIEW OF THE SURPASSING VALUE OF KNOWING CHRIST JESUS MY LORD.”

NOTICE THAT PAUL USES THE PRESENT TENSE VERB “COUNT” INDICATING THAT THIS IS OCCURRING IN HIS LIFE AT THE TIME OF HIS WRITING.

THIS SHOWS US THAT EVEN AFTER THE MOMENT OF HIS SALVATION, PAUL CONTINUED TO PUT THE THINGS OF THE WORLD FAR BELOW KNOWING JESUS CHRIST.

(I). THERE ARE THREE LEVELS OF KNOWING:

(A). THERE IS THE INTELLECTUAL LEVEL WHICH MEAN “TO KNOW OF.”

(1). KNOWING OF SOMEONE DOES NOT NECESSARILY EQUAL TO KNOWING THEM PERSONALLY.

(a). I KNOW THAT BILL GATES DEVELOPED MICROSOFT, BUT I DON'T REALLY KNOW BILL GATES.

(2). A LOT OF PEOPLE IN OUR SOCIETY KNOW “OF” JESUS.

(3). THEY MAY EVEN SAY THAT THEY BELIEVE IN HIM.

(4). BUT THAT KNOWING OR THAT BELIEVING HAS ABSOLUTELY NO AFFECT ON THEIR LIVES.

(5). THAT'S NOT THE LEVEL OF “KNOWING” THAT PAUL WAS TALKING ABOUT.

- (6). KNOWING FACTS ABOUT CHRIST WASN'T WHAT PAUL WAS AFTER.**
- (7). SIMPLY BELIEVING THAT HE EXISTS WAS NOT ENOUGH FOR HIM, AND IT'S NOT ENOUGH FOR US.**
- (8). PAUL WANTED TO KNOW CHRIST ON A DEEPER LEVEL.**
- (B). SECONDLY, THERE IS AN EXPERIENTIAL LEVEL, WHICH MEANS "TO KNOW BY."**
- (1). WHAT IS EXPERIENCE?**
- (2). ACCORDING TO AN EASTERN PROVERB, "EXPERIENCE IS A COMB WHICH NATURE GIVES TO MEN WHEN THEY ARE BALD."**
- (3). TO KNOW BY EXPERIENCE MEANS YOU KNOW BY WITNESSING SOMETHING OR BY PARTICIPATING IN SOMETHING.**
- (4). WE ARE TOLD IN THE BIBLE THAT ADAM AND EVE DIDN'T KNOW SIN UNTIL THEY ATE FROM THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL.**
- (5). DOES THAT MEAN THAT THEY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL?**
- (6). NO. IF THAT WERE THE CASE, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE KNOWN THAT IT WAS WRONG TO EAT FROM THE TREE.**
- (7). THEY HAD AN INTELLECTUAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT WHAT GOOD AND EVIL WERE, BUT THEY HAD NEVER EXPERIENCED IT.**
- (8). THEY HAD NO FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE.**

- (9). BUT AFTER THEY HAD EATEN FROM THE TREE IN DIRECT DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD, THEY KNEW SIN.**
- (10). THEY KNEW IT BY PARTICIPATING IN IT.**
- (11). I HAVE BEEN TO MANY WORSHIP SERVICES WHERE PEOPLE EXPERIENCE CHRIST.**
 - (a). THEY SING SONGS AND RAISE THEIR HANDS AND SHOUT, BUT MANY TIMES THERE IS NO LASTING EFFECT.**
 - (b). THEY HAVE KNOWN THE PRESENCE AND POWER OF JESUS CHRIST. THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED HIM. BUT NOTHING PERMANENT HAPPENED.**

JESUS SAID IN MATTHEW 7:22-23 “MANY WILL SAY TO ME IN THAT DAY, LORD, LORD, HAVE WE NOT PROPHESED IN MY NAME? AND IN THY NAME HAVE WE CASTE OUT DEVILS? AND IN THY NAME DONE MANY WONDERFUL WORKS? AND THEN WILL I PROFESS UNTO THEM, I NEVER KNEW YOU: DEPART FROM ME, YE THAT WORK INIQUITY.”

- (12). THESE PEOPLE WILL HAVE EXPERIENCED CHRIST;**
- (13). THEY WOULD HAVE DONE INCREDIBLE THINGS ONLY POSSIBLE WITH THE POWER OF CHRIST.**
- (14). YET, CHRIST WILL TELL THEM “I NEVER KNEW YOU.”**
- (15). WHAT IS JESUS SAYING?**
 - (a). HE’S SAYING THAT THERE IS A DEEPER LEVEL OF KNOWING HIM THAN JUST EXPERIENCING A FEW THINGS AND PARTICIPATING IN HIS**

WORK.

- (b). HE'S SAYING THAT YOU CAN DO ALL KINDS OF THINGS FOR CHRIST, BUT IF YOU DON'T TAKE THE TIME TO REALLY KNOW HIM ON A PERSONAL LEVEL BEYOND ANY INTELLECTUAL OR EXPERIENTIAL KNOWLEDGE, YOU ARE MISSING THE MARK.**

- ©. IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE AN INTELLECTUAL AND AN EXPERIENTIAL KNOWLEDGE, BUT THERE IS STILL A DEEPER LEVEL.**

- ©. THERE IS AN INTIMATE LEVEL, WHICH MEANS "TO KNOW, PERIOD."**
 - (1). WHEN JESUS CAME TO MARTHA AND MARY'S HOUSE, MARTHA WAS BUSY SERVING JESUS WHILE MARY WAS AT JESUS' FEET GETTING TO KNOW HIM ON AN INTIMATE LEVEL.**

 - (2). I'M JUST GETTING TO KNOW MY WIFE, BUT I CAN RECOGNIZE HER MOODS AND FEELINGS.**

 - (3). I CAN TELL IF SHE IS WORRIED OR TENSED ABOUT SOMETHING.**

 - (4). SOMETIMES I CAN EVEN TELL WHAT SHE IS THINKING.**

 - (5). I KNOW HER IN A PERSONAL INTIMATE WAY.**

 - (6). I HAVE GOTTEN BEYOND FACTS TO KNOWING WHAT MAKES HER TICK, OR WHAT TICKS HER OFF.**

(7). A PARENT CAN TELL BY THE CRY WHETHER THE CHILD IS HUNGRY, OR COLD, OR LONELY, OR TIRED.

(a). THE PARENT DEVELOP AN INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR CHILD.

(b). THEY START TO KNOW WHAT THEY FEEL AND HOW THEY THINK, WHAT THEY LIKE AND WHAT THEY DISLIKE.

©. THIS INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPS OVER TIME.

(d). AND THE CHILD REACHES A POINT WHERE THEY JUST LIKE HEARING THE PARENT'S VOICE.

JESUS SAID IN JOHN 10:4, "AND WHEN HE PUTTETH FORTH HIS OWN SHEEP, HE GOETH BEFORE THEM, AND THE SHEEP FOLLOW HIM: FOR THEY KNOW HIS VOICE."

(8). PAUL SAID HE WANTED TO KNOW CHRIST.

(9). HE WAS SAYING THAT HE WANTED THIS KIND OF INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS.

(10). EVEN AFTER SERVING AND SUFFERING FOR JESUS FOR DECADES, HE DIDN'T THINK HE HAD ARRIVED.

(11). HE KNEW THAT HIS INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST COULD STILL GROW.

(12). HE WANTED TO KNOW CHRIST IN HIS FULLNESS, AND IT FACT, HE WANTED TO BECOME LIKE CHRIST.

(13). HE WANTED TO GROW TO DEVELOP A CHRIST LIKE CHARACTER.

(II). IF KNOWING CHRIST IS THE GOAL, HOW DO WE GET TO KNOW HIM?

(A). WE GET TO KNOW HIM FIRSTLY, BY “TALKING WITH HIM.”.

(1). THE BIGGEST PART OF ANY RELATIONSHIP IS COMMUNICATION.

(2). THERE IS NO SECRET ART TO TALKING TO JESUS, AND HE INVITES ALL OF US TO TALK TO HIM AS A FRIEND.

(3). IT’S WHAT WE CALL PRAYER.

(B). WE GET TO KNOW HIM BY “READING HIS WORD.”

(1). IN A RELATIONSHIP, IT IS IMPORTANT TO LEARN ABOUT THE OTHER PERSON.

(2). ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL WAYS GOD TELLS US ABOUT HIMSELF IS THROUGH HIS WORD.

(3). BY READING THE BIBLE, YOU CAN LEARN HIS LIKES AND DISLIKES.

(4). BY READING THE BIBLE, YOU CAN LEARN HIS VALUES AND HIS PLAN FOR YOU.

©. WE GET TO KNOW HIM BY “MEMORIZING HIS WORD.”

(1). DAVID SAID IN PSALM 119:11, “THY WORD HAVE I HIDDEN IN MY HEART THAT I MIGHT NOT SIN AGAINST THEE.”

(2). SINS ARE THE THINGS WE DO OR NEGLECT TO DO THAT HURTS GOD AND BREAK DOWN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.

(3). WHEN YOU MEMORIZE THE BIBLE, IT GETS

YOU TO THINKING THINGS THAT ARE PURE AND GOOD.

- (4). IT WILL COME TO MIND BEFORE YOU COMMIT SIN.**

- (D). WE GET TO KNOW HIM BY “HAVING A PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL.”**
 - (1). THERE IS AN ENDLESS SUPPLY OF DEVOTIONAL BOOKS THAT YOU WILL FIND HELPFUL.**
 - (2). THESE BOOKS HAVE SECTION THAT ARE DESIGNED FOR DAILY READING.**
 - (3). ALL OF US NEED SOME PERSONAL TIMES ALONE WITH THE LORD.**

- (E). WE GET TO KNOW HIM BY “WORSHIPING HIM.”**
 - (1). REGULAR WORSHIP DIRECTS YOUR ATTENTION AND ENERGIES TOWARD GOD AND REINFORCES HIS PRIORITY IN YOUR LIFE.**
 - (2). WORSHIP IS AN EXPRESSION OF YOUR LOVE TO HIM, AND IT PLEASES HIM.**
 - (3). WORSHIP IS DONE MOST COMMONLY THROUGH MUSIC, BUT IT TAKES OTHER FORMS AS WELL.**
 - (4). WRITING A POEM TO GOD, FASTING, OR GIVING OF OUR RESOURCES TO HIM.**
 - (5). AND WORSHIP DOESN'T HAVE TO BE CONFINED TO SUNDAY MORNING.**

- (F). WE GET TO KNOW HIM BY “BEING INVOLVED IN A LIFE GROUP.**

- (1). HAVE YOU EVERY NOTICED HOW MUCH YOU CAN LEARN ABOUT SOMEONE FROM OTHER PEOPLE?**
 - (2). THROUGH INVOLVEMENT IN A LIFE GROUP, YOU CAN GAIN THE INSIGHT THAT OTHER BELIEVERS HAVE ABOUT GOD, AND ABOUT DIFFERENT ISSUES.**
 - (3). THEN YOU CAN FIND ENCOURAGEMENT AS YOU SHARE AND FACE CRISES TOGETHER.**
- (G). WE GET TO KNOW HIM BY “GROWING WITH OTHERS.”**
- (1). YOU NEED TO BE A PART OF A CHURCH THAT LOVES GOD AND HONORS HIS WORD.**
 - (2). YOU NEED TO SURROUND YOURSELF WITH OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE EAGER TO GET TO KNOW JESUS BETTER.**
- (III). AFTER ALL THAT KNOWLEDGE PAUL HAD ACQUIRED, HE ONLY WANTED TO KNOW JESUS BETTER.**
- (A). PAUL SAID, “I WANT TO KNOW HIM IN THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION.”**
- (1). NOTICE THAT PAUL BEGINS WITH THE RESURRECTION. HE DOES NOT END WITH IT.**
 - (2). HE BEGAN THERE BECAUSE THAT IS WHERE HE MET JESUS.**
 - (3). PAUL HAD LEARNED WHAT HE THOUGHT WERE SOME FACTS ABOUT JESUS.**
 - (4). HE HAD STUDIED HARD TO GET ALL THE FACTS TOGETHER.**

- (5). HIS CONCLUSION WAS THAT JESUS WAS AN IMPOSTER, AND THAT THE GREATEST SERVICE HE COULD RENDER FOR GOD WAS TO DESTROY THE CHURCH.**
- (6). SO HE SET OUT TO PERSECUTE THE CHURCH, THINKING THAT HE WAS DOING EXACTLY WHAT GOD WANTED HIM TO DO;**
- (7). AN THEN ONE DAY ON HIS WAY TO DAMASCUS, HE MET THE REAL JESUS, THE RESURRECTED CHRIST.**
- (8). ALL OF US HAVE BEEN IN THE SAME FIX THAT PAUL WAS IN.**

 - (a). WE WERE LOST AND HOPELESSLY ON OUR WAY TO A CHRIST-LESS GRAVE WITH NO HOPE FOR ETERNITY.**
 - (b). BUT THROUGH THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION, GOD LIFTED US UP AND GAVE US NEW LIFE INSIDE AND OUT.**
- (9). LIKE PAUL, WE SHOULD DESIRE TO KNOW THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION.**

 - (a). BUT IN KNOWING THAT, WE MUST KNOW THAT DEATH MUST COME BEFORE RESURRECTION.**
 - (B). SO PAUL SAID I WANT TO KNOW HIM “IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERING.”**

 - (1). WAIT A MINUTE, PAUL, THAT’S GOING TOO FAR;**
 - (2). SHARING HIS RESURRECTION IS ONE THING, BUT SHARING IN HIS SUFFERING? THAT’S**

GOING A BIT TOO FAR.

- (3). PAUL SAID, THERE IS A FELLOWSHIP IN SUFFERING:**
 - (a). PAUL WAS BEATEN, STONED, SHIPWRECKED, THROWN INTO PRISON, AND FINALLY BEHEADED FOR CHRIST.**
 - (b). YES HE SUFFERED.**
- ©. PAUL SAID, “I BEAR ON MY BODY THE MARKS OF CHRIST.”**
- (4). DO YOU KNOW JESUS WELL ENOUGH TO SUFFER WITH HIM?**
 - (a). SUFFERING PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLL IN THE LIFE OF A CHRISTIAN.**
 - (b). THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT SUFFERING THAT MAKES US MEET FOR THE MASTER’S USE.**
- ©. PAUL SAID, “IF WE SUFFER WITH HIM, WE SHALL ALSO REIGN WITH HIM.”**
- (d). JESUS SAID, “BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS SAKE, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. BLESSED ARE YE, WHEN MEN SHALL REVILE YOU, AND PERSECUTE YOU AND SHALL SAY ALL MANNER OF EVIL AGAINST YOU FALSELY, FOR MY SAKE. REJOICE, AND BE EXCEEDING GLAD; FOR GREAT IS YOUR REWARD IN HEAVEN. FOR SO PERSECUTED THEY THE PROPHETS WHICH WERE BEFORE YOU.”**
- (e). PETER SAID, “FOR CHRIST ALSO, HAS**

ONCE SUFFERED FOR SINS, THE JUST FOR THE UNJUST, THAT HE MIGHT BRING US TO GOD BEING PUT TO DEATH IN THE FLESH, BUT QUICKENED BY THE SPIRIT.”

- (f). PAUL SAID IN ROMANS 8:35-39, “WHO SHALL SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF CHRIST? SHALL TRIBULATION, OR DISTRESS, OR PERSECUTION, OR FAMINE, OR NAKEDNESS...AS IT IS WRITTEN, FOR THY SAKE, WE ARE KILLED ALL THE DAY LONG; WE ARE ACCOUNTED AS SHEEP FOR THE SLAUGHTER. NAY, IN ALL THESE THINGS, WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH HIM THAT LOVED US. FOR I AM PERSUADED THAT NEITHER DEATH NOR LIFE, NOR ANGELS, NOR PRINCIPALITIES, NOR POWERS, NOR THINGS PRESENT, NOR THINGS TO COME, NOR HEIGHTS, NOR DEPTH, NOR ANY OTHER CREATURES, SHALL SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD, WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.”**

ILLUSTRATION

MY OLD GRAND MOTHER USE TO SING A SONG:

**“I DON’T MIND THE CLOTHES I’M WEARING,
I DON’T MIND THE BURDENS I’M BEARING,
I DON’T MIND THE WAY I’M FARING,
IF I CAN JUST MAKE IT IN.”**

©. FINALLY, PAUL SAID, “I WANT TO KNOW CHRIST BY BECOMING LIKE HIM IN HIS DEATH.

- (1). SOME OF YOU MIGHT BE SAYING, “I DON’T WANT TO DIE, I WANT TO LIVE.”**

- (1). BUT YOU SEE, EVERY MOMENT WE LIVE FOR CHRIST, WE ARE ALSO DYING FOR HIM.**
- (2). ALL OF US ARE MOVING TOWARD THAT DAY WHEN WE WILL FINALLY LAY DOWN THIS BODY, AND TAKE UP OUR NEW EXISTENCE WITH CHRIST.**
- (3). PAUL AND ALL OF THE OTHER APOSTLES EXCEPT JOHN DIED FOR THE CAUSE OF CHRIST.**
- (4). AND IN A SENSE, WE DO TOO, BECAUSE WE LIVE OUR LIVES AS A LIVING SACRIFICE TO CHRIST.**
- (5). IT IS SAYING SOMETHING WHEN YOU CAN SAY THAT “I’M WILLING TO BECOME LIKE JESUS EVEN IN DEATH.”**

CONCLUSION

YOU DO KNOW HE DIED, DON’T YOU? BUT LET ME REVERSE THE ORDER THAT PAUL HAD:

- (A). YOU DO KNOW HE SUFFERED, DON’T YOU?**
- (B). YOU DO KNOW HE DIED, DON’T YOU?**
- (C). YOU DO KNOW HE ROSE, DON’T YOU?**