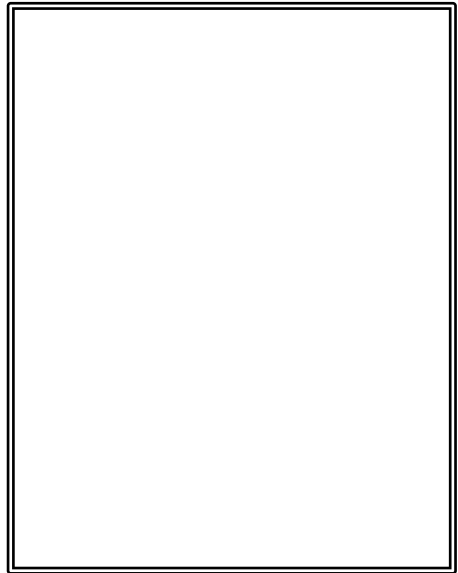
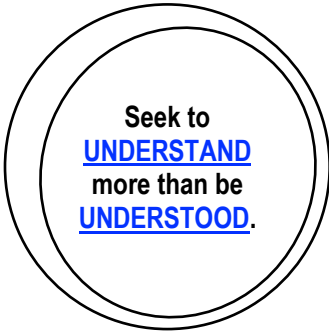
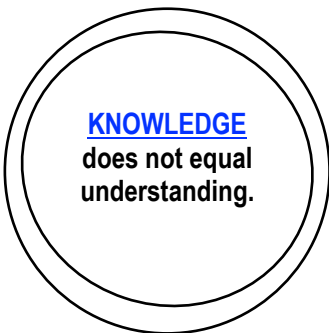


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**James 1:19-20 (NIV)**

*<sup>19</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup> because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.*



**Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)**

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.*

## How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need new LIFE in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new LIFE from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

**You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:**

*Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.*

**If you chose to follow Jesus today, text “FAITH” to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.**

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## **For Further Reflection:**

:: Take a moment to identify some of the circles of relationship you currently have? What makes them valuable? What can make them challenging?

:: Reread James 1:19-20. Which action is most difficult for you to live into? Which is easiest? Why do you think that is?

:: Read Galatians 5:22-23. Which fruit of the Holy Spirit is most evident in your life? Which is least evident?

:: Think of a relationship circle that was/is broken in your life. How did that happen? What would you want to do differently if you could? What might God be asking you to do next?

:: Identify an area of your life God is inviting you seek understanding. What is one thing you can do this week that will position you to do so?

:: Ask someone you trust to pray for you as you seek to take that next step.

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