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*- realizing the power of a life in Christ-*

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## **Do you still not understand?**

Jesus' question to the disciples. And I think his question to each of us.

The disciples had seen the Lord feed thousands from just a few fish and loaves of bread. But did they understand what had happened?

Jesus was warning them of the evil and corruption of the Pharisees and of Herod, and they thought he was talking about bread. Why couldn't they see?

Do you still not understand?

Understand what?

That all things are possible with God.

That believers, those who know the Lord and know the truth, can do the same things he did, even greater. In Jesus' name, we can heal the sick. We can cast out demons. We can cleanse the lepers. We can raise the dead. We can preach the gospel.

There is nothing we cannot do in Jesus' name.

The scripture says all this. Have you read it? Have you received it? Have you understood it?

Lots of people attend churches and believe they are Christians. Lots of people talk about Jesus and heaven and forgiveness and such. But do the same things he did? Jesus said we could. The same Jesus who said the much quoted John 3:16.

Somehow the devil was successful in the early centuries after Jesus was on earth in misdirecting the believers, in leading them away from great truths. And so many church leaders fell into false doctrine. So much so that there are many today who believe that healings and miracles and such ended with the death of the disciples!

All that is false, of course, as all those healed and those who have seen miracles can readily attest. But why don't more see miracles? Why aren't more healed?

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Because they don't have that revelation deep inside, that great truth that believers can do the same things that Jesus did, even greater.

Even demonstrations of all this fail to impact many. When someone is healed dramatically or comes back to give a testimony about great healing, I am always shocked by the number who just don't seem to be impacted. It is astounding, this behavior of the people on earth.

I think maybe this all falls into the words God said to me some time ago and I wrote about in the July 2017 newsletter: They don't know because they really don't know.

People just don't know the truths of the gospel, all the many truths there and the truths of who they are supposed to be in Jesus. What they can do in him!

It takes a spiritual breakthrough for a person to receive and realize and act on a spiritual truth. The words of the Bible are more than just words. They are deep truths.

By Jesus' stripes, you have been healed. We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. God has the same power for us he used to raise Jesus from the dead. In Jesus' name we can do the same things Jesus did, even greater. All things are possible with God.

All that is true. Really true. They are not just nice words.

For years I would begin a healing service with these words: God is real. Jesus is real. The Holy Spirit is real. The Bible is true. So too the devil is real. And demons are real. Angels are real. If you believe all this you'll probably see miracles in your life. If you don't you probably won't (Or you won't recognize them when you are around them.)

God has equipped us greatly to deal with these times we are living in. All these things we can do. Plus think about all the protection he has given us.

Do you still not understand?

[NOTE: reference passages worth your reading and study: John 14:12-14, Mark 11:22-24, Matthew 16:5-12, Philippians 4:13, Matthew 19:26, Mark 9:23, Luke 1:37, Genesis 18:14]

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## **No One Can Fathom**

Almost lost among the many great phrases and thoughts of Isaiah 40 is this little powerful phrase about God in verse 28:

*"...his understanding no one can fathom."*

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We just cannot know fully what God knows and how he thinks, what his plans are. We are not him. We do not have his all-encompassing wisdom and knowledge and perspective. We don't. Even those who steadily seek the Lord and more revelation and insight never can get to that point.

The Bible has more on this:

*“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways,”  
declares the LORD.*

*“As the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts. – Isaiah 55:8-9*

God's ways and thoughts are higher than our ways and thoughts. Not a surprise to be sure, but here we have it stated clearly as fact. It is true.

The serious disciple of the Lord realizes this eventually. It is a tough realization. But if a person does not come to grips and peace with this there is a risk of going bonkers.

God knows everything. We do not and can not. Those of us blessed immeasurably receive guidance from the Lord. Revelation. Guidance. Direction. But know all there is to know? Hardly.

There are long periods in the life of a true believer when he is sincerely following God but not in any way seeing where the guidance is leading. Sometimes years. Sometimes maybe never. I think we do not necessarily ever see the impact of or understand all that God does through us. Sometimes – but only sometimes and then probably for encouragement in a tough time, God lets us hear or see or receive knowledge of someone impacted, someone healed, someone whose life has been changed. It has been that way in my life for years. One time years ago a young man telephoned the office from the Boston area. After a few minutes of conversation and asking about some CDs, suddenly he blurted out “Your programs are wonderful. Saved my life.” And with that he was gone. I've lived a long time on that telephone call.

Years ago I was talking with an older famous Christian leader. I mentioned that God had called me to something specific many years before, and I had been waiting fifteen years for it to happen. He replied, “It's been forty years for me.”

That's the way it is.

God's time. His wisdom and knowledge. His plans.

His ways are higher than our ways. His thoughts higher than ours too. Way higher.

Paraphrasing and building on some words I read from Oswald Chambers years ago, let's consider a true disciple of the Lord, following and seeking and searching and doing all he knows to do. He thinks he is in synch with all the Lord wants and has led him to do, that he is walking with the Lord. Then suddenly he sees Jesus walking by, not even looking aside at him, and the Lord walks steadfastly straight ahead, way

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out in front of the disciple going on somewhere. A solemn face, staring ahead. The disciple is shocked and rushes, struggles, runs to catch up, has difficulty keeping up. Where is the Lord going? It's like that. We just don't know everything.

One time years ago in one of those wonderful close moments with the Lord, he suddenly said to me, "John, you know many things, but you will never know everything." That was it. Point taken.

We will never know everything. But we do know that we have a wonderful loving God.

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28).*

That will have to suffice. It will. Forever.

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### **And always remember...**

We are living in the season that Jesus said we could recognize – the season of the last days, the time in which he will return, the time of the fulfillment of all those prophecies of events to happen in the last days of this age. We have seen the fulfillment of many, over and over. Those who read these newsletters or otherwise hear from us have heard this many times.

*May you live in the blessings of the Lord always, even now as you go forward in this terribly difficult time on earth.*

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(All scriptures are from the NIV)

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