For I Know Whom I Have Believed



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“FOR I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED” 2TIM 1:12

Knowing God is realizing who he is and what he is capable of doing. It is who you know you that you follow. The bible gives example “I know my sheep and my sheep know me”. For a sheep to know and believe in a shepherd, the have heard and know who he is and he is able to lead them (sheep) aright, not astray. It is who you know you will be delighted in spending the rest of your life with. Sometimes, you might have been following him

without asking where the one taking the lead is heading to. That is trust because you cannot get lost. It is who you know that you hand over anything in your care to be it your property, and also able to keep that which I have committed onto him against that day believing in whom you know, you will be desperate to do things that are detriment to you. 2 Timothy 1:12 gives example “for if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him. If we suffer, we shall also reign with him. If we deny him, he also will deny us.

Thomas was desperate, if at all, Jesus went and truly prepared a place for them and receive not them he was eager to know the way, if at all they didn't see him. John 14: 3-5.

Thomas knew who he was and also believed him but only asked of the way that lead to many mansion in Jesus' father's house while for Phillip, though he had been hearing him but never knew who he was and never believing Jesus saying until he sees the father "Phillip saith unto him, lord show us the father and it suffices us".

For I know whom I have believed, you have seen the way, the truth, and the life. For you to truly know who you have believed, you must face hardship and not be ashamed because he has said it “if you believe in my name, you shall be saved”. He will surely save you. Knowing whom you have believed must not be seen by following, hearing him alone but must be seen in your actions, thoughts, doings etc. An example of Jesus’ follower that only believed in his signs and wonders but never knew him was Simon Peter. He hadn’t even tasted

the hardship before denying that he doesn’t know him

John 13: 38 “Peter said unto him, Lord , why can’t I follow thee now, I will lay down my for thy sake. And Jesus said unto him “will thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, the cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.

It is who you know and believe that you keep searching for, because you enjoy staying with him.

It is who you don’t know and you don’t believe his words that you betray. Jesus knew from the beginning who they

were that did not know and believe him.

Some people know him as miracle worker by the miracle he performs and the believed through that. After miraculously feeding 5,000 people, after seeing the miraculous meal they want him to do another sign before they can believe him.

It is whom you know and you believe that you will obey “not everyone who says to me Lord, Lord shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my father in heaven.

Marriage in Canaan of Galilee made us to realize that without seeing his signs and wonders, you can still believe him through those that really know him e.g. those like the mother of Jesus. She knew who Jesus was and she knew who she had believed that they can't be put to shame but wanted those that never knew or believed him to see who Jesus was and also his abilities. Finally, why did she go to meet Jesus in the first place when she knew his hour is yet to come.

John 2:3-5 "and when they wanted wine, the mother of

Jesus saith unto him, they have no wine, Jesus saith unto what have I to do thee, mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, whatsoever he saith unto you, do it". Whenever you obey him, there is assurance that you are about to know and believe him.

Verse 11

"This beginning of miracle did Jesus in Canaan of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory, and his disciples believed on him. Application of proving that you know whom you have believed can come inform of trials,

temptation, hardship etc. bible records in 2timothy 3:12: “yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution”. Let’s consider this little scenario from this play-let below as a prove of what the scripture says:

SCENE 1

(Peter and two other people appear on stage sharing their life experience base on Christianity. Conversation among the three friends)

TITUS: - Friends you know have been in the Christian Journey, its being long,

Christian race no be beans. You know the nature of my job is time demanding but anything that involves God's work I participate wholeheartedly. The time I spend in church is not that's its time wasting but going to church every day doesn't worth it. After all when I pray he answers me. You know man must eat, I focus more on my business apart from my job I still do another work, you know that no be one route lead to the market. Peter I know you are a devoted and a committed Christians just be praying for me.

JIDE: - (Shares his own too) you know. Actually I wish I could do better, but everything depends on time. Titus and I are wealthy men; it is only average men that focus on only one Route. Though am a Christian but I don't have time, my wife and my children fill in the gap for one. People like you that claims to be upright, blameless and who fear God and also fear men of Integrity (We too are men of integrity who can't Forfeit our Reputation). Will always have Time).

PETER: - (laughs) friends before I got to this level of commitment it involves sacrifice though you and Jide are a well prominent and wealthy men than I do. The job I have is enough for me to earn a living. Your Money May speak far better than I, and my Present Situation is disgusting enough but I (Peter) Still. Believe in whom I had known that he his able to rescue and deliver me from this.

(Friend all laugh excluding Peter, we're not condemning you but upright Peter you need to wise up, they all take Their Leaves)

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(2Tim1:12)

SCENE 2

(Satan and his Cohorts appear on stage)

LEADER: - Who are we?

MEMBERS: - Alloy! Vulture

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LEADER: - In this world must be untouchable and unchallengeable by anyone

MEMBER: - GREAT IS THY VULTURE!!!

Alloy! Alloy! Alloy!

LEADER: - People in the world must become dead bodies on dunghill on which the

Vulture must feed

MEMBERS; - Alloy! Alloy! Alloy!

LEADER: - (Frowns his face as he turns to his members) It's Time for Vulture Report

KILLER: - Long life Vulture, Master as per the assignment given to me! I was

able to trade with the talent given to me. Talent like Fornication, greed, Idolatry, Lies and more on the works of flesh. I traded Increasing Master. Master 80% of the people in the world have been expected by me (killer)

LEADER: - great one killer---------- promotion awaits you.

LEADER: - (Turns to the next members) thief

THIEF:- Master, long-life the great vulture, I was able to catch the young and old youth with my talent, I made them idle to work but I made them active to my own work which is to steal

LEADER: - Thief, thief, thief that's good but you need to operate not only on youth alone, but also on man &woman, strong and weak, Poor and rich old and young, Adult and Youth and leader and followers

LEADER: - (Turn to the next member) Destroyer

DESTROYER: --Longlife great master! You know me before anyone who cross my path has become the food for the Vulture –master I have destroyed Lives,

homes, organizations and marriage and many more. I have traded people's Faith with Fear.

LEADER: - All have done a Fabulous Work, but Alloy must not be at rest just use of these little Progress. Let's dominate the world let's people forsake the path of righteousness to allow them work in the ways of darkness and let's rejoice in doing evil and delight in the Perverseness o evil

LEADER: - Alloy! Alloy! Alloy!

KILLER: - Master! While carrying out of my assignment. I noticed a man called Peter A prominent and a wealthy man, he is a blameless and upright one who Feared God and turned away form evil and also a man of complete Integrity Master let's work on him, let's confirm if he really know whom he had believed.

LEADER: - Killer, Killer, Killer my Might----------

Alloy! Vulture!

MEMBER: - Alloy! Alloy! Alloy!

LEADER: - An upright man in this world (what Rubbish) member let's

Shift focus, let's work and operate on this so called upright man.

Let's Posses our Possessions

Let's Posses this upright man with tribulation, Persecution and

Let's torment his life. In all let's see if really he believed in whom he had known.

LEADER: - Alloy! Let's awake from our sheep

MEMBER: - Alloy! Alloy! Alloy! It's high time

LEADER: - Who Shall I Send?

MEMBER: - Send us master

LEADER: - Destroyer, Destroyer, Destroyer (Persecutor appears on stage)

(Satan and his Cabers all leave the stage)

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SCENE 3

(Next, we see an office table with files on it. A man sits behind the table so relaxingly with his left leg on the table. He is in suit and tie. Another chair is in front of the table. He is reading a newspaper)

MANAGING DIRECTOR: - (knock at the door) who is that?

PETER: - It’s me Mr. Peter

MANAGING DIRECTOR: - Come in.

PETER: - Good morning Sir

MANAGING DIRECTOR: - Morning Mr. Peter

PETER: - I was told that you wanted to see me

MANAGING DIRECTOR: - O yes, as per the business I told you at the last meeting. It only remains your signatory, and if you don’t sign those documents given to you today we are going to lose the contract, including the profit.

PETER: - Sir, you know sir I am a devoted and a well committed Christian anything that partakes to Fraudulent, I don't do it. The document you gave me last meeting had been given back to the secretary. I can't Forge or partake in any fraudulent acts. Am sorry I can't, I Can't do it.

MANAGEING DIRECTOR: - Just trust me are going to make a huge sum of money from this contract. At least you will be able to feed your Family well.

PETER: - (stands) ----- MANAGER I can't do this

MANAGING DIRECTOR: - (As Mr. Peter stand heading towered the door way) Mr. Peter ---------Just only this------Failure to do this, you are putting your work at stake

PETER;- (till stands) I can't do it

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SCENE 4

(Peter appears on stage paying and his wife works in)

PETER: - PRAYING SESSION--- “Perhaps my children have sinned and have cursed God in their Hearts’. O lord please have mercy.

WIFE: - (As he Finishes the prayer his wife appears at the other entrance that leads to the kitchen) Honey-----you’re back----How was today’s work? Hope it was not stressful? ----I just finished preparing a delicious meal.

PETER : - (smiles) we blessed God dear. Thank You sweetie

PETER; - (As he approaches the dining table) honey-----You can’t believe what happened in the office today. The managing director called me and told me that it remains only my signatory concerning the inflated contract I told you. And he also asked me to sign the new estimate today so that I will take it to the Tender board. After my signature, the managing director will take it to the top.

WIFE; - What a Fraudulent Act? ------

PETER; - Do you know the funny thing honey, he said, this is not the first,

second or third time of doing it. The managing director said they've been doing it since I started working in their company

WIFE: - Honey what was your Response.

PETER: - My response was that I am a well devoted Christian, anything that Involve Fraudulent Act, Forging statement and so on. I Peter can do it.

WIFE; - Great Response Dear. Though we're not rich, compare to your Friends. The little you receive as salary will still believe God will do wonders through it. Honey we can't trade our Integrity with money. What God will do he will definitely do it in your Life, and the whole family in Jesus Let's believe in the one we know and we believe is able to save us.

(As the husband responded by saying thank you honey, the curtain closes immediately).

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SCENE 5

(Peter appears on stage lamenting)

PETER: - (feeling lamented) Lord what have I done wrong? Lord but do pay Tithe, offering and I also support the works of God why is this happening to me lord, am 65years old Am Already Ageing. No savings, no personal business Lord will I still continue searching for job again.

WIFE: - (his wife entered and saw him lamenting) honey, why this sad mood, hope all is well with you? (Opens the letter) Ah Ah Ah sack Letter--Lord you know I have no job and the one my husband had has been withdrew from him at this age.

VISITORS: - (As she Kept lamenting and still speaking some visitors came in) good day please we are asking of Mr. Peter

PETER: - Mr., Peter -------Am the one hope there is no problem?

VISTORS: - No----problems, we are from federal rescue of Nigeria(FCN)

what really happened is that when we were coming we saw some group of people of people by the road side. Approaching them we saw same set of corpse lying on the roadside according to an eye witness “he said, some set of pedestrian we at the middle of the road witness for the dictate of the road light. Some distance away, there come a long Vehicle that lost its break but the driver tried all his possible best, but all was abortive, but the long vehicle went ahead with increased in motion and crushed the whole pedestrian to death while some pedestrian wanted to cross back to the other side, the speed of the other vehicle was much compared to the first side but in short it crushed them all.

Immediately we tried to search for their information in other to contact their relatives to come claim their corpses, while searching we saw some students identity card showing their parents number and there address. We’ve been calling their number but not going through that while we’ve come. The name of the victims as displayed on their student I’d card Peter zorphar and Peter billiard.

WIFE; - (fainted immediately) no…no…no.

VISITORS; - (rushed to help them) Mr. Peter….their corpses is at the federal rescue of Nigeria mortuary.

(The visitor took their leave and left the family in a sorrowful mood)

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SCENE 6

(Some year later, peter and his wife appear on stage)

PETER; - (his wife assisted him to the stage due to his condition) Honey thank you.

WIFE: -You welcome honey. Are we still serving a living God in spite your commitment to God's work, see what he has recompense us with. Our children died the same day, you also lost your job the same day and now you are paralyzed.

PETER; - (knock at the door) who is that?

VISITORS; - we are the one Titus and jide

PETER; - come in friends

VISITORS: - Mr. and Mrs. peter how are you doing? And how is your husband's health?

WIFE;- fine and how is your family and work sir ?

PETER;- for the thing that I fear comes upon me and what I dread befalls me, I am not at ease, nor am I quiet, I have no rest.

TITUS; - behold you have instructed many, and you have strengthened the strengthened the weak hands. But it has come to you, and you are impatient, it

touches you and you are dismayed. Can mortal man be righteous before Gog! Can a man be pure before his maker? Eyes in his servant he put no trust, and his angles he change with error your own month condemns you, not I, your own Lips testify against you.

Can you find out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limit of the Almighty? If iniquity is in your hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in your tent. You will forget your misery; you will remember it as water that has passed away.

PETER: - What is man, that thou dost make so mush of him and that thou dost set thy mind upon him dost visit him every morning and test him every moment.

JIDE: - If you are pure and upright, surely then he will rouse himself for you. And reward you with a rightful habilitation, though your beginning was small, your latter days will be very great. Behold God will not reject a blameless man, nor take the hand of evil doers, he will yet fill your mouth with laughter and

your Lips with shouting.

JIDE: - Behold, even the moon is not bright and the star are not clean in his site, how much less man, who is a maggot and the son of man, who is a worm if God does not act to your matter. Titus and I have come because of you we don't like the condition you are. Titus and I have decided to take you out to consult your situation natively. There is a great possibility that you will recover your health back and what you have lost will be recover back, he will also assist you to be wealthy like us, we only need your consent.

TITUS: - peter that is it. It won't be okay if we call pour selves friend and we can't show each other love. What jide has said is good, if only you can concur with it, and we wish to take a move today.

PETER: - have had you all and you people call yourself Christian but as for me my God is able to do the Impossible. No doubt you are the people, and wisdom will sprout again and that its shoots will not cease. If a man die, Shall he

live again; all the dogs of my Services I would wait till my release would come. In spite of my condition I know it will be well with those who fear God but it well not is well with the wicked. Better is the end of a thing than its beginning and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit .The Eye of the lord are in every place keeping watch on the evil and the good. For I know whom I have believed he is able to rescue me.

JIDE: - (Titus clam him down) Titus leave him, he believe in whom he had know don't you know the more you believe in him, the more your problem and it affects your family badly. I never see strong heart like these before.

PETER: - (Talks aggressively) If you've come here to mock me and my God. Kindly stop it don't want you to say negative words to my God.

TITUS: - (Face Mrs. Peter) you better talk to your husband to have it calm.

WIFE: - (Faces the visitors) we are really sorry.

PETER: - (Face the two friends) please kindly go, go, go.

WIFE: - (As the two friend take their leave) Honey take it easy ooo, what your friends had said is far your good. Do you still hold fast your Integrity and do you still believe in him? Curse God

WIFE: - See what your uprightness has caused you.

PETER: - (Replies her) you speak as one of the foolish women would speak shall we received good at the hand of God and shall we not received evil.

(In all Peter did not sin with his lips, the curtain Closes)

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SCENE 7

PETER: - (praying) the lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in

times of trouble, Thou dost show me the path of life, in thy presence there is fullness of joy, in thy Right hand are pleasures for evermore. O Lord your ways are perfect and the promise of the lord proves true, he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. You said in your word “for the lord will comfort Zion, he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord. Joy and gladness will be found in her thanksgiving and the voice of song.

(An Angle of the Lord Came and Touched him)

For I know whom I have believed is able to rescue me from all evil and save me for his heavenly kingdom. Lord to you who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think.

O Lord does that wish No man can do in my life.

WIFE: - (Responded) Amen

PETER: - Lord put a new song in my math, a song of praise to my God so that

many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

(As he was about to end the prayer his bible fell, but as he manage to pick it by himself, he noticed he could do it easily, he shouted) honey, honey come and see

WIFE: - What is that honey?

PETER: - I noticed that I can do what I cannot do before, honey do me favor take this bible Three (3) meters away. (She did it) honey can't you see am not crawling am walking alone. I can walk; I can walk halleluiah, Lord how great you are. Who is like thee o lord, among the gods? Who like thee, majesty in holiness, terrible in glorious deeds doing wonders?

(As they were celebrating--------There was a knock at the door)

PETER: - Who is that

VISTORS: - It's me Mr. Maxwell

PETER: - (Mr. Maxwell) come in please

VISITORS: - Good day Mr. Peter

PETER: - Ah Ah Ah It's managing director------hope there is no problem?

MR. MAXWELL: - Mr. Peter since the day you left, the company has been worried about you, must especially the chief executive officer (CEO) and the is also the one that sent me to you. The sack letter I gave you was a wrong letter. The name he imputed was a wrong name. A promotion letter was met for you but the name that was there was a wrong one. Some years later the CEO came back that was he discovered it was his entire fault. The company have tried your number was not going through. I also went to your former house, when I got there hey told me that you have relocated to another place. It was this year I saw one of your friend that gave me your new Address. The company had dedicated to compensate you for your Industries work towards the growth of the company, The Company sent me to give a cheque of 10million dollars and a duplex house with two Range Rover Jeep. Mrs. Peter has this entire document it all belongs to you. Congratulations.

PETER: - (Was surprised) I don’t know what to say, than to say God is good.

MR. MAXWELL: - Let me take my leave now

PETER: - Thank you Mrs. Maxwell

(The whole families were flabbergasted)

(As the celebration continues there was a knock at the door. A man came in with two children)

PETER: - Who is that

MAN: - It is me your friend

PETER AND WIFE: - (Welcome them happily) come in -----sorry I haven’t seen this face before

MAN: - You may not ----but is this Mr. Peter am Mr. Peter by name.

PETER: - O Yes, hope there is no problem?

MAN: - No problem, some years Ago, an accident occurred which led to the lost of your two children. What really happened was that, In deed the long vehicle

break failed and killed some set of people but before it came near them, two student have seen the long vehicle from afar before the vehicle came near them they had crossed the road with out the dictate of the road light. They got injured due to the other side they fall into a canal which was not far from my farm I heard the sound of a fall but I thought it was an animal so I decided to take my gun and follow the path but when I got to the place. I saw two young school students inside the canal. Immediately I rescue them, took them to my house for a proper treatment, when they stay and the name of their school. As I asked for their parent number but they told me they can't remember offhand that it is was inside their student Identification card (I.D Card). These children searched for their school I.D Card but could not found it .so they decided to take me to their house, but when we got there some years later they told that their parent are no longer living here again. Since the incident had been the one taking care of them with my children. It was this year that one of the children saw their dad's friend and told him where there parent now stay that's why we have decided to follow

the address given to us.

PETER: - (Was surprised) Ah ah Really, Are the children still alive, where are the children now.

MAN: - The children are all alive; these are the children Peter Zopher and peter billiard.

PETER: - (Wife started crying as she approaches the children) so my children are still alive. I thought they were dead. Thank God, Thank you Sir

MAN: - They are alive

PETER: - Ah ah what a glorious God? The young lions suffer want and hunger but those who seek the lord lack no good thing. My Lord is upright, he is my rock and there is no unrighteousness in him.

(And the lord gave peter voice as much as he had before and lord blessed the letter days of peter more than his beginning---------The whole family sang to God for what he has done and the curtain closes immediately.)

However, it is important to note that Satan and his cohorts easily identify the

time of one’s favour and move at such time to provoke the proposed recipient to take steps capable of triggering a loss.

Whatever it was the point is that with God, there can be a new beginning no matter how far back the record of disorderliness and darkness in anybody’s life may go. There is however no way God can be with you if your ways do not align with his ways. The most important period in your life begins when God gives you a beginning. The wastage of the past will give way for a new beginning when God commands a new sunrise in your life. Knowing whom you have believed is just committing your life to him because he is able to redesign your life which the enemy may have bartered.

If you are truly his child, walking uprightly before him, be aware that he knows of that experience you are having for which you earnestly desire a change When facing hardship, people wonder why at the end he intervenes, why can’t he first intervene before allowing me to face such hard times. God is never too

early, and he is never too late. He has his own ways of doing things, he is never too early and he is never too late. His timetable is set on purpose, the purpose is not only for your sake but also for His. In all things his name shall be glorified. His timetable is not necessarily in tune with your own timetable, even when it concerns situations or issues of your life which you desire his intervention.