

I ALREADY KNOW THIS...

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Philippians 3:1

“Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you.”

If somebody tells me something I feel I already know or have been told many times before, I tend to not take it seriously. My first reaction is, “*I already know this,*” or, “*You’ve already told me, remember?*” I myself only repeat things when I feel like someone has misunderstood me or when something isn’t working out the way I had hoped. But shouldn’t this be different?

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul writes a lot about joy. He draws attention several times to the deep joy that we can have through knowing Christ, for example in Phil. 2:18. Reading his letter you can sense he really does have this deep joy, which probably doesn’t come from the fact that he’s sitting in prison!

Paul doesn’t mind mentioning multiple times the joy of being in relationship with Jesus, as he knows it will encourage the Philippian church; little did he know he would also encourage us today! Paul clearly understands how valuable and powerful a simple, yet important message can be.

I want to learn how to avoid quickly glazing over truths I’ve heard before; I want to learn how to reflect on them again and again and so I can understand them afresh each time. I want to practice asking myself, “***Do I really know this deep down in my heart?***”

Let this verse and the upcoming devotionals be an encouragement to rediscover, re-acknowledge and re-appreciate God’s fundamental truths in a fresh way. Let us not become weary in reminding others of our shared joy in Christ, because such fundamental truths of our faith build up our confidence and give us a deeper understanding of Christ.

Prayer: *Lord, we come before You and want to realize again and again what a deep joy it is to know You. Help us not to become weary in telling one another this truth! Help us through this truth to become an encouragement to others. Amen.*

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