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<sup>7</sup> I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there. If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me. I could ask the darkness to hide me and the light around me to become night—but even in darkness I cannot hide from you. To you the night shines as bright as day. Darkness and light are the same to you.

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 - Psalm 139:1-18, New Living Translation

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- B. God knows me completely.
- C. God is always thinking of me.

### 2. God Wants Me to Know Him

How do I know this?

- A. The Genesis story.
- B. The Christmas story.
- C. The Easter story.
- D. The Second Coming story.

Why don’t I know God as I should?

Our sinful nature causes us to ...

- A. Keep a distance from God.
- B. Disobey God.
- C. Withhold our affection from God.

D. Avoid responsibility for wrongdoing.

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If we create the right conditions in our lives, God will come and reveal His desires to us.

#### **Five Words to Help You Find God's Will**

A. **Process** — “For what am I searching?”

*“We can make our plans, but the LORD gives the right answer. People may be pure in their own eyes, but the LORD examines their motives. Commit your actions to the LORD, and your plans will succeed. The LORD has made everything for His own purposes.” - Proverbs 16:1-4*

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- (2) “God responds.” v. 1b
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B. **Purpose** — “Why was I created?”

C. **Potential** — “Can I reach this goal?”

D. **Priorities** — “What steps must I take?”

#### *Six Principles for Prioritizing*

God Principle

*“Is it pleasing to God?”*

Home Principle

*“Is it best for my family?”*

Time Principle

*“Does it have eternal value?”*

Influence Principle

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Potential Principle

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