New Life

Wolf Creek Pass C.W. McCall

I looked on outta the window and I started countin' phone poles, goin' by at the rate of four to the seventh power. Well I put two and two together, and added twelve and carried five; come up with twenty-two thousand telephone poles an hour.

I looked at Earl and his eyes was wide, his lip was curled, and his leg was fried. And his hand was froze to the wheel like a tongue to a sled in the middle of a blizzard. I says, "Earl, I'm not the type to complain; but the time has come for me to explain that if you don't apply some brake real soon, they're gonna have to pick us up with a stick and a spoon."

Well, Earl rared back, and cocked his leg, stepped down as hard as he could on the brake, and the pedal went clear to the floor and stayed there, right there on the floor. He said it was sorta like steppin' on a plum.

Well, from there on down it just wasn't real purdy: it was hairpin county and switchback city. One of 'em looked like a can full'a worms; another one looked like malaria germs. Right in the middle of the whole dang show was a real nice tunnel, now wouldn't you know?

Sign says clearance to the twelve-foot line, but the chickens was stacked to thirteennine. Well we shot that tunnel at a hundredand-ten, like gas through a funnel and eggs through a hen, and we took that top row of chickens off slicker than scum off a Lousiana swamp. Went down and around and around and down 'til we run outta ground at the edge of town. Bashed into the side of the feed store... In downtown Pagosa Springs













Some of the best things do not manifest fast, in a minute, in a drive thru, in an instant or at the curb side

The best of some things take time, effort, and commitment

2 Peter 1:5

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge...

Faith this Grace, Peace, Intimacy with Jesus, Divine power, God touching phenomenon

Goodness this unbridled moral muscles; a passionate and fiery preference of right to wrong

Knowledge - this deeper more perfect and enlarged knowing

"Thoughts or Knowings"

A deeper and enlarged knowledge of a holy, righteous, loving, just, all powerful, all knowing, and living God

Walk in the depths of God, knowing Him and His work

Luke 19:5

When Jesus reached the spot, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."

Add to your faith, to your goodness, this knowledge

A deeper and enlarged knowledge of a holy, righteous, loving, just, all powerful, all knowing, and living God

2 Peter 1:8

For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ

Ephesians 3:12 In Christ Jesus and through faith in Christ Jesus we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

The ultimate price was paid so you and I could know God

The Bible uses such words as

- Selah
- Consider
- Think about
- **Ponder**

Knowing Packet

We are after Knowings not just Thoughts

#1

Take the <u>cross</u> in your hand and thank Jesus for this amazing provision

Jesus thank you for the power of your actions on the cross that now allows me to know God

#2 Pray Psalm 119:48

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I lift up my hands to your commands, which I love, and I meditate on your decrees.

Meditate: to commune with

Commune:

to experience a deep emotional or spiritual relationship with something

"I will meditate in thy statutes, not only entertain myself with thinking of them as matters of speculation, but contrive how I may observe them in the best manner." *Matthew Henry*

#3

Proclaim Psalm 95:6-8

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Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care. Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah...

"God I come and I bow down, I kneel before you LORD my maker. You are my God and I am one of the sheep of your pasture and I am under your care. Today as I hear from you I will not harden my heart as I so have often done, I want to hear from you this day and have a deeper and greater knowledge of you and your work"

#4 Open the Word and begin

Not just reading, but communing with God through His Word

- > We study the Bible
- > We study the original languages
- > We study the cultural situations
- > We study the historical setting

Will we stop

- >trying to prove it right or wrong?
- > looking for loopholes?
- >using it just to support my lifestyle?

#5

Remind yourself "I am communing with God"

2 Peter 1:21

For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

When <u>distraction</u> vie for your attention

#6

Look up and say, "I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands." Psalm 119:10

Write down what you come to Know!

Ephesians 2:4-7

But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-- it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus.