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Message Series: Experiencing God – Hearing, Knowing, Loving

Today's Message: Knowing God Pt. 1

Scene 1:

* **Background:** Israel Northern Kingdom: 793-752 BC.—King Jeroboam II—Israel in a time of economic prosperity and political stability but significant _____ and moral decay.

* Hosea 7:2, 13, 14 “*But they do not consider... they have strayed from Me... They do not cry to me from the heart...*”

* Hosea 8:2, 6, 14 “*To Me they cry— ‘My God, we –Israel-know You’ ... The calf of Samaria shall be broken to pieces... For Israel has forgotten his Maker... so I will send fire upon his cities...*”

Scene 2:

• **Background:** Paul in Athens: 800 years later, Acts 17:24, 28, 31

• **Paul's Message:** We, humans, are _____ to:

1) To _____, understand, and worship God

2) To know who we are: His Creation

3) To know our _____; if we choose to ignore Him

Scene 3: TODAY: Knowing and Being Known

◆ John 17:3

1) What were we made for? (to _____ God)

2) What _____ should we set for ourselves in life? (to know God)

◆ Jeremiah 9:23, 24

3) What gives God the most _____? (knowledge of Himself)

◆ Hosea 6:6 “*For I desire steadfast love... I want you to know me more than I want burnt offerings.*”

◆ Philippians 3:7-10

Solid Truth: Knowing God Himself—even if small but growing—is worth more than huge knowledge about Him.