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SERMON TITLE	**THE EXACT IMAGE**
SERIES	**KNOWING GOD**
DATE	11/8/2026
KEY SCRIPTURE	**John 14:6-11**
SYNOPSIS	Philip asked Jesus to show him the Father. He'd been looking at Him for three years. If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus.
HIGHLIGHTS	

BIG IDEA

Philip asked Jesus to show him the Father, and he'd been looking at Him for three years. God doesn't make us guess what He's like. He shows us. **If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus.**

> *"Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." (John 14:9)*

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KNOW ONE, KNOW BOTH

The first Christians were called "the Way" (Acts 9:2). There's one way to the Father: a narrow gate, but wide open to anybody, and a road you walk every day. And Jesus isn't just the road to the Father. He's how we come to know Him. **Jesus didn't say He'd show us the way. He said He *is* the way.**

> *"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well." (John 14:6–7)*

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STOP LOOKING PAST HIM

Philip prayed Moses' prayer, "Show us," while standing right in front of Jesus. We do it too. We want one more sign before we're satisfied. Wanting more of God isn't the problem. Looking for it somewhere past Jesus is. **Moses got to see His back. Philip was looking at His face.**

> *"Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." (John 14:8)*

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LOOK AT JESUS

Charaktēr (khah-rak-TARE) means the image stamped on a coin: an exact match. Watch how Jesus treats sinners, outcasts, and people who failed big, and you're watching the Father. And at the cross, you see what God thinks about you. **Jesus isn't a sketch of God. He's the exact image.**

> *"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being." (Hebrews 1:3)*

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MAKE IT PERSONAL

Jesus asked, "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time?" Where have you been looking past Jesus for something more? **If you want to know how God feels about you, don't guess. Look at Jesus.** Pray this week: "Jesus, I want to know You. Not just about You. You."

> *"For God… made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ." (2 Corinthians 4:6)*

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