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SERMON TITLE	**THE ONLY BOAST WORTH MAKING**
SERIES	**KNOWING GOD**
DATE	10/18/2026
KEY SCRIPTURE	**Jeremiah 9:23-24**
SYNOPSIS	Smart, strong, successful. God sets all three aside and names the only thing worth bragging about: knowing Him.
HIGHLIGHTS	

BIG IDEA

"It's not what you know, it's who you know." God actually agrees with the saying. He just has a different person in mind. **You can know a lot about God and still not know Him.**

> *"Let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the LORD." (Jer. 9:24)*

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QUIT BRAGGING ON BRAINS, BRAWN, AND BANK ACCOUNTS

God isn't against wisdom, strength, or money. The problem is boasting in them, because what you boast in is what you rely on. Judah figured theirs would hold. It didn't. **Brains, brawn, and bank accounts don't last**.

> *"Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches." (Jer. 9:23)*

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BRAG ON WHO YOU KNOW

The Hebrew word for boast is *halal*, the word "hallelujah" comes from. Point it at yourself and it's bragging. Point it at God and it's worship. The word for know, *yada*, means personal knowing, not baseball-card facts. **The card is true. It's just not Him**.

> *"Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." (John 17:35)*

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LOVE WHAT HE LOVES

We brag on brains, brawn, and bank accounts. God delights in kindness, justice, and righteousness. Our three, His three. The more you know Him, the more you notice what moves Him, and before long it moves you too. **Knowing God changes you.**

> *"I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight." (Jeremiah 9:24)*

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PRESS ON TO KNOW HIM

Knowing God isn't a box you check the day you get saved. It's a relationship, and relationships either grow or they drift. God isn't hiding, and He isn't playing hard to get. **Nobody has to talk the sun into coming up.**

> *"Oh, that we might know the LORD! Let us press on to know him. He will respond to us as surely as the arrival of dawn." (Hosea 6:3 NLT)*

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BRAG ON JESUS

We don't know God because we were smart enough to figure Him out. We know Him because He came to us. Jesus became the very thing we were trying to brag about. **We don't climb up to God. He came down to us**.

> *"Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore… 'Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.'" (1 Corinthians 1:30–31)*

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MAKE IT PERSONAL

Job was the best church member you'd ever meet, and even he was stuck at "heard of." So the question is: **have you only heard of Him, or do you know Him?**

> *"My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you." (Job 42:5)"*

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