

HINDSIGHT

WHAT IF I KNEW THEN WHAT I KNOW NOW?

Despite great wisdom and vision, often the clearest sight is when we look back on our lives and learn from experience. Hindsight can teach us what we need to know about the future. We do not look back in a spirit of regret or condemnation, but with a spirit of wisdom and hope.

W O R T H L E S S K N O W L E D G E

I learned, but I didn't grow.

Knowledge is powerful. Having lived through this past year, and looking back on what we have been through is essential. We can have learned a great number of things over 2020. But unless we are willing to act on that knowledge, hindsight will be powerless.

GOD IN REAL LIFE

This week, intentionally go through each day knowing that you know enough to surrender, to trust The Author, and to act on what you already know.

TO THE HEART

All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority." Mark 1:27

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you could know now one thing that was going to happen in your future, what would that thing be? (Marriage? Vocation? Career? Family? Death? Another milestone?)
2. Why do you want to know that thing? Do you want to know it so that you can rest or do I want to know so that I can take the next step?
3. In *The Lord of the Rings*, Sam and Frodo saw evil so they could identify it, they faced evil so they wouldn't ignore it, and they fought evil so they would know what to do. With 2020 hindsight, when did you see, face, and fight evil like Sam and Frodo did? When did you take action? Are there moments you wish you would have?
4. In the letter from James in Scripture, we hear that it's not enough to just have knowledge: "Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." How do you think that you demonstrate your faith to others through your works?
5. To surrender is to take that knowledge that you have learned and to do something with it and to say, "Okay, God, You get to write my story." Taking what you learned through 2020,, how can you continue to take action in 2021? How will you let Him transform you?