



# NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“There is a big difference between knowing about God and knowing God.”

## Do You Know Your Mother?

*For my wife, Susan’s, 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, I planned a surprise birthday party at the church. (Boy, time flies because that was 15 years ago.) The plan was to have her best friend meet with her in the church office, about an upcoming event, while people would come in the back door for the party in the gym. The secret was out when her sister’s family, who lives three hours away, used the church’s front doors and Susan passed them in the hall. When she came in, we still yelled surprise and made all kinds of noise.*

*For one of the events at the party, I made up a game called “Do You Know Your Mother?” The contestants were our two teenage sons. I had a list of questions about their mother and every time they got a question wrong, they had to put bubblegum in their mouth.*

*Here were some of the easy questions: When is your Mother’s birthday? What date did she become a Mother? What is your Mother’s mother’s first name? What is your Mother’s middle name? Where is your Mother’s favorite place to eat? Where did your Mother meet your Father? From what school did your Mother graduate?*

*Here were some of the harder questions: What was the name of your Mother’s first pet? When did your Mother accept Jesus? What was the color of your Mother’s first car? Where did your Mother work during High School? How many times have your Mother moved in her life?*

*By the end of the game my sons’ mouths were so filled with Bubble gum that they could hardly talk. If you would play this game with your mother, how well would you do? If God would play this game, how good would He know you? Let us see what the Bible states:*

*“O lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my down sitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.” Ps 139:1-6 “For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.” Ps 139:13-14 “But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.” Matt 10:30 “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:” John 10:27 God wins!*

*The next question is do you know God’s Son Jesus? “He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?” Matt 16:15 “That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection II Peter 1:3*

*Don’t get stuck with a mouth full of Bubblegum with God?*



Do you know your Mother?

*Charles L Stambaugh*

*“For your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him.” Matt 6:8*



**God** Knows my name.  
**HE knows** my every thought.  
**HE sees** each tear that falls  
and he **hears** me when I call.

Do you really know God?  
He really knows you.

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