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- Jesus’ miraculous knowledge compelled Nathanael to believe.

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### 1. Jesus knows what I really think.

- He knows everything about us, including our thoughts.

“And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve Him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever.” - 1 Chronicles 28:9

- We practice hiding things away.
- He knows my every thought and loves me anyway!  
“For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” - Hebrews 4:12
- So, what should I think about?  
“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” - Philippians 4:8

### 2. Jesus knows the motives of my heart.

- Jesus wants to do away with the plastic façade we put forward. He wants His church to be a place where people can be real, authentic.  
“All a man’s ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the LORD.” - Proverbs 16:2
- We tend to justify our own actions, to believe that we do things for the right reasons. One day our true motives will be exposed.  
“Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men’s hearts. At that time each will receive His praise from God.” - 1 Corinthians 4:5
- For Christians, having our motives revealed should bring joy to our hearts.  
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### 3. Jesus knows how I really feel.

- He knows my painful, anguished moments.  
“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” - Isaiah 55:9
- He knows my times of worry. I can’t control things, but He can.  
“Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?” - Luke 12:25
- Everything to Him is a “little thing”.  
“Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?” - Luke 12:26  
“Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.” - 1 Peter 5:7

## Application

1. Jesus already knows the worst things that you have ever done. He even knows what you have thought about doing, and even the motives behind some of the good things you have done.
2. He still loves you.
3. His call to follow Him still comes to everyone.
4. It is up to you to accept Jesus’ call to follow after Him.

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