Genesis 17

## Knowing more. Knowing better

20 November 2016

1. Knowing better. 17:1-2
Know God by name and v1
"El-Shaddai" =
Know God by orders and v1
Know God by promises and
2. Knowing better. 17:3-14
Know God's for me. v5
Know God's for me. v6-8 God's Will for my life: 1 Thess.5:18, 1 Pet.2:13-17, Eph.1:4-6, 2 Pet.3:9, Gal.1:3-5, 1 Thess.4:3-8, John 6:38-40
Know God's with me. v9-10 Circumcision is nothing; and uncircumcision is nothing; but what matters is keeping the commandments of God. 1 Corinthians 7:19 Do not think that I came to abolish the Law and the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfil. Matthew 5:17
3. Knowing better. 17:15-16
Others are being v15
Others are being v16
Others have a v16
4. Knowing better. 17:17-27
My future contains
My future is by v20-22
My future is built by

My prayer focus for this week

## For personal reflection or group discussion

- 1. 'Knowing more' and 'knowing better': What is the difference between them? Which of these is more important? How do you get both?
- 2. List some ways by which I can know more of God. Also list some ways by which I can better know God. In what ways do your answers to Q1 apply to these two lists?
- 3. If I knew more about God, would it change me? If I had a better relationship with God, would it change me?
- 4. If I understood myself better, how would that change me?
- 5. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18. What is the misinterpretation we need to avoid? Why would this be God's will for my life?
- 6. Read 2 Peter 3:9. What is the difference between 'slow' and 'patient'? What is the action that God wants from us? Why is that so important?
- 7. Read Jeremiah 33:3. What is your favourite part of this verse?

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