



KNOWING BETTER – PART 1

## A BETTER BROTHER

HEBREWS 2:10-11

### THE STING OF DEATH

1 CORINTHIANS 15:54-55

<sup>54</sup>When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” <sup>55</sup>“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

**The sting of death is a daily reality and it is all around us.  
But death will not have the final victory. Death will be swallowed up.**

### THE BREVITY OF LIFE

PSALM 139:4-7

<sup>4</sup>“Show me, Lord, my life’s end and the number of my days;

**let me know how fleeting my life is.**

<sup>5</sup>You have made my days a mere handbreadth;

**the span of my years is as nothing before you.**

Everyone is but a breath,  
even those who seem secure.

<sup>6</sup>“Surely **everyone goes around like a mere phantom;**

in vain they rush about, heaping up wealth  
without knowing whose it will finally be.

<sup>7</sup>“But now, Lord, what do I look for?

**My hope is in you.”**

**There is wisdom in recognizing the brevity of life. Each day matters.  
Our hope, our meaning, and our purpose can only be found in the Lord.**

### THE BROTHER WHO FREES US

HEBREWS 2:10-12, 14-15

<sup>10</sup>In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. <sup>11</sup>**Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family.** So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>He says, “I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises.” - - <sup>14</sup>**Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death**—that is, the devil— <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

**Jesus entered our dying world, shared our flesh and blood, and suffered and died.  
He did this in order to break death’s power over all humanity.  
He calls us brothers and sisters.  
He frees us from our bondage to death.  
He frees us from the fear of death.**

**We remember tonight, that we are dust and to dust we will return.  
But we remember that in Jesus we have life, and him we have freedom and victory.**