

# Go and Learn What This Means

## Relationship - Part 1

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*"I want you to show love, not offer sacrifices. I want you to know Me more than I want burnt offerings."* Hosea 6:6 (NLT)

*"... What is more pleasing to the Lord: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to His voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams."* 1 Samuel 15:22 (NLT)

*"<sup>6</sup>You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering. <sup>17</sup>The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God."* Psalm 51:16-17 (NLT)

*"<sup>6</sup>What can we bring to the Lord? Should we bring Him burnt offerings? Should we bow before God Most High with offerings of yearling calves? <sup>7</sup>Should we offer Him thousands of rams and ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Should we sacrifice our firstborn children to pay for our sins? <sup>8</sup>No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what He requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."* Micah 6:6-8 (NLT)

**God is not interested in our empty and obligatory religiosity.  
He has though invited us into a personal, intimate, and loving relationship with Him.**

*"And this is the way to have eternal life —to know (ginōskō) You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one You sent to earth."* John 17:3 (NLT)

**Ginōskō = to learn to know a person through direct personal experience, implying a continuity of relationship. It is important to avoid an expression which will mean merely 'to learn about.' Here the emphasis must be on the interpersonal relationship which is experienced.**

**Do you ginōskō God?**

**Do you have a direct, personal, and continual relationship with Jesus?**

*"Daughter"* Matthew 9:22 (NLT)