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<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

**Philippians 1:3-6 (NIV11)**

<sup>8</sup> God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup> so that you may be able to discern what is best....

**Philippians 1:8-10a (NIV11)**

### How Do I Know What's Best?

- Let your love \_\_\_\_\_ abound
- Love characterized by
  - Knowledge
    - Search the \_\_\_\_\_

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. **Psalm 119:105 (NRSV)**

- Depth of insight
  - Seek godly \_\_\_\_\_

Without guidance, a people will fall, but there is victory with many counselors. **Proverbs 11:14 (CEB)**

- Seek \_\_\_\_\_

If any of you needs wisdom to know what you should do, you should ask God, and he will give it to you. God is generous to everyone and doesn't find fault with them. **James 1:5 (GW)**

### Our Tendency to Want Distance

<sup>18</sup> When the people heard the thunder and the loud blast of the ram's horn, and when they saw the flashes of lightning and the smoke billowing from the mountain, they stood at a distance, trembling with fear. <sup>19</sup> And they said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen. But don't let God speak directly to us, or we will die!" <sup>20</sup> "Don't be afraid," Moses answered them, "for God has come in this way to test you, and so that your fear of him will keep you from sinning!" <sup>21</sup> As the people stood in the distance, Moses approached the dark cloud where God was.

**Exodus 20:18-21 (NLT)**

<sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup> so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, **Philippians 1:9-10 (NIV2011)**

The key to \_\_\_\_\_ what's best  
is \_\_\_\_\_ God!

### My Next Step Today Is To...

- Commit to pray for the next seven days Philippians 1:9-10, for myself, for those I love, and for my church.
- Commit to use the use the three prong approach to knowing what is best as I make decisions.
- Grow in knowing God so that I can increasingly know the heart of God.
- Admit that while I know about God I do not know Him. So, today I give myself to God, receiving Him as Savior and Lord of my life.