

Dear Friend,

Tim Keller wrote: *"To be loved but not known is comforting but superficial. To be known and not loved is our greatest fear."*

There's a "golden strand" that runs throughout Scripture that depicts God as "the loving initiator." The God of the Bible loves all creation and loves all God's children. This is because the very essence of God is LOVE. "God is love." God is also "all knowledge" and nothing about us is hidden from God.

I've known (memorized) Psalm 23 for most of my life. *"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever."* I recently read this section in the New Living Translation and it gave me a fresh and wonderfully helpful perspective:

"Surely your goodness and unfailing love shall pursue me all the days of my life."

Pursuing is stronger than following! This is a description of God taking the initiative to have God's love overtake us. God's goodness and unfailing love pursue us all the days of our life.

This is how much love God has for us! God knows us intimately, and God loves us limitlessly!

With gratitude!

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