

A Musical Moment by Amy

October 21st – [Oh, I Want to Know You More](#)

My 2010 Dodge Grand Caravan still runs on gasoline. It runs especially well when there is fuel in the tank, so I headed out to my favourite gas bar south of Brantford to fill up. This station has recently added a number of gas pumps so there's rarely a line-up. I am of the mindset that if I pull up to the front pump and go just a bit past the "lip" of the pavement, then I'll be able to get more gas for my money, because the tank is on a slant. So, that's what I did.

The service attendant came out of the kiosk and went to the truck behind me. He started pumping gas in that customer's tank and then "disappeared". I wasn't in a rush and presumed the young man had to look after someone else first. However, a couple of minutes went by and then there was a voice, "Ma'am? Have you been started yet?" I thanked him and said, "No, I haven't. Could you please fill the tank with regular gas?"

And then I started to laugh. "Have you been started yet?" Here I am. At a gas station. There's no hose going from their gas pump to my fuel tank. Had I already received gas, I would've started the engine and been on my way.

These 5 words have been niggling at me all afternoon. The apostle Paul had a deep desire to recognize the importance of being a Christ-follower. He encouraged the church through his epistle of Philippians 3:7-11: "But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead."

Tucked in there 5 words - **I want to know Christ**. In 1958 the US trio, the Teddy Bears came out with "To know, know, know him, is to love, love, love him; Just to see him smile makes my life worthwhile; to know, know, know him is to love, love, love him and I do, and I do, and I do." Now, I'm going to guess they weren't necessarily referring to Jesus, but the way to love Him is to know Him.

As the pandemic continues to establish new norms and different expectations, at what level is our spiritual gas gauge? "Have you been started yet?" Do we know Jesus as our own Saviour? Are we daily committing ourselves to Him? Are we reading His word and praying regularly? By so doing, we can be a testimony to those around us as we apply the fruits of the spirit and the Ten Commandments in our comings and goings. Pull your life up to our Heavenly Father. Be fuelled as you spend time with God. Then by the renewing of your mind you'll be able to love Him, your family, your world, even in the midst of change, chaos and confusion. I want to know Christ as the apostle Paul did. "Have you been started yet?" Stay fuelled; stay focussed; stay safe.

Blessings and peace,

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