#Only God knows everything.

**1 Corinthians 13:12 (MSG)** We don’t yet see things clearly. We’re squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won’t be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright. We’ll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing Him directly just as He knows us! But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.

#He is our safest place.

**Psalm 61:3-4 Amplified Bible (AMP)** For You have been a shelter and refuge for me, A strong tower against the enemy. Let me dwell in Your tent forever; let me take refuge in the shelter of Your wings. Selah.

#His desire for intimacy with us outstrips our own and our sin.

**Matthew 23:37-39 (NKJV)** “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house is left to you desolate; for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

#He knows us better than we know ourselves and take better care of us than anyone else.

**Psalm 139:1-18** O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. You have hedged me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it. Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me. If I say, “Surely the darkness shall fall on me,” even the night shall be light about me; Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You. For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, And skilfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my
substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them. \(^{17}\) How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

#We live and labour for the final trumpet.

1 Corinthians 15:50-58 (ESV)  \(^{50}\) I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. \(^{51}\) Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, \(^{52}\) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. \(^{53}\) For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. \(^{54}\) When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” \(^{55}\) “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” \(^{56}\) The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. \(^{57}\) But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. \(^{58}\) Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

#We run to please Him.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NLT) Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. \(^{2}\) We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God’s throne.

#Our identity and purpose we discover in Him.

Colossians 1:16(MSG)  \(^{16}\) For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, ....everything got started in him and finds its purpose in Him.

Ephesians 1:11(MSG)  \(^{11}\) It is in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone."

#The Lord has not abandoned us.

1 Samuel 12:22 (AMP)  \(^{22}\) The Lord will not abandon His people for His great name’s sake, because the Lord has been pleased to make you a people for Himself.

#We are stronger together.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10  \(^{9}\) Two are better than one, because they have good reward for their labour. \(^{10}\) For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But who to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up. \(^{11}\) Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm, but how can one be warm alone? \(^{22}\) Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.