




*New*  
Every Morning



*<sup>5</sup> Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. <sup>6</sup> Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.        -- Colossians 4:5-6*

# Hope for the Hopeless

*Knowing God: Part 10*

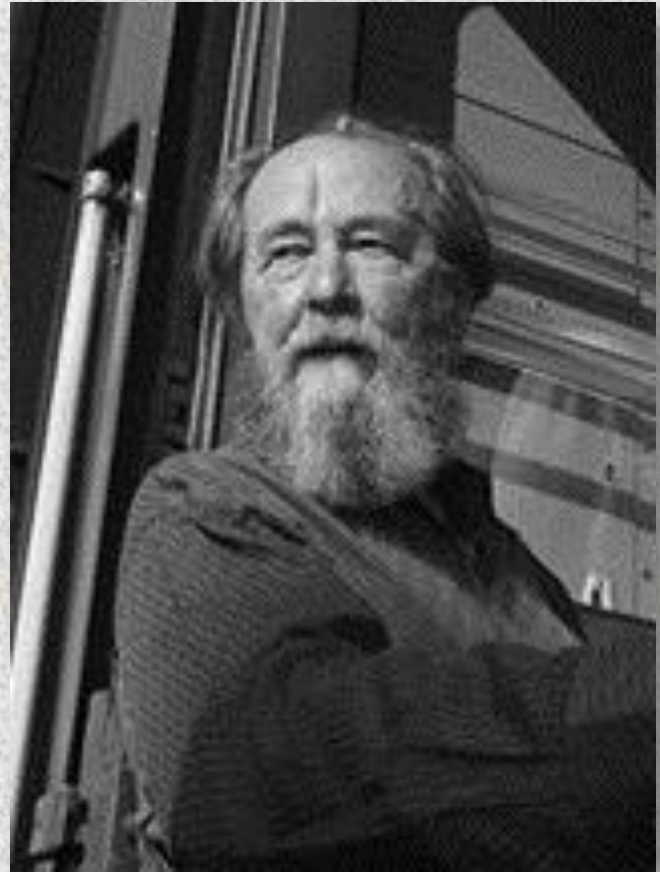
*Lamentations 3:22-23*





“If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being. And who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart?”

-- Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn



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*<sup>22</sup> Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.*

*<sup>23</sup> They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

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*<sup>8</sup> The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.*

*<sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;*

*<sup>10</sup> he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.*

*Psalms 103:8-10*

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*“Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?” (v. 33)*



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*Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.*

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## Luke 10:36-37

*<sup>36</sup> “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”*

*<sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”*

*Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”*







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