

GOSPEL 101  
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Gospel Themes – Known

## THESIS

Tim Keller: The main problem, then, in the Christian life is that we have not thought out the deep implications of the gospel, we have not “used” the gospel in and on all parts of our life... All of us, to some degree live around the truth of the gospel but do not “get” it. So the key to continual and deeper spiritual renewal and revival is the continual re-discovery of the gospel.<sup>1</sup>

## REVIEW

IDOLS: OKAY(ISH): Jesus + X (good thing) = Happy

IDOL: Jesus – X (ultimate thing) = Despair

GOSPEL: Jesus – X = For me

## GOSPEL THEMES - ADOPTION

Into a family with a good Father

Who calls me his own son/daughter, loves me, is proud of me

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## GOSPEL THEMES - KNOWN

### INTRODUCTION

“Alone”

“Bids<sup>2</sup>” according to John Gottman in “The Relationship Cure”

A bid is any attempt from one partner to another for attention, affirmation, affection, or any other positive connection. They might take the form of an expression, question, or physical outreach.

There are three ways you can respond to a bid:

1. Turning towards (acknowledging the bid)
2. Turning away (ignoring or missing the bid)
3. Turning against (rejecting the bid in an argumentative or belligerent way)

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<sup>1</sup> Excerpt from Tim Keller’s article “The Centrality of the Gospel”. Available in pdf by request. Send me an email at [nperegoy@oflc.net](mailto:nperegoy@oflc.net).

<sup>2</sup> The book is fantastic. I recommend the whole thing. For a short introduction to bids, check out <https://www.gottman.com/blog/want-to-improve-your-relationship-start-paying-more-attention-to-bids/>

Which one do you think is the healthiest? Which one is the most harmful?

### KNOWN IN PART – TRYING TO BID TODAY

ADAM AND EVE HIDE – Genesis 3:7

Why we're drawn to...

Social Media

"How are you?"

Ted Lasso

### KNOWN BY GOD – WOVEN THROUGH SCRIPTURE

PRIORITY: PAUL – Galatians 4:8-10

RESCUE: HAGAR – Genesis 16:1-13

LOVE: LEAH – Genesis 29:21-30, 31-35<sup>3</sup>

ORIGIN: CREATED AND KNOWN – Psalm 139

INTIMACY: ADAM KNEW EVE - Genesis 4:1

Which 1-2 resonate with you the most right now?

### HOW CAN I BE SURE GOD KNOWS/SEES ME?

Turning Away Today - What's the most terrible form of punishment today? Why?

### ULTIMATE TURNING AWAY – Mark 15:33-39

### KNOWN FOREVER - 1 Corinthians 13:12

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<sup>3</sup> For more – download the transcript of a sermon by Tim Keller entitled, "The Girl Nobody Wanted", [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vWTib2GvpmHATkqawOMOGS\\_7PZFOH76v/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vWTib2GvpmHATkqawOMOGS_7PZFOH76v/view?usp=share_link)

QUESTIONS?

UPCOMING

Gospel Themes – Covenant, Kingdom