



# FAMILY ESTRADA-GARCÍA

## How should we know God?

We desire to know God deeply. But having information about God is not the same as knowing God. Information is only content, and does not necessarily transform life by itself.

Knowing God involves the Holy Spirit working in us. When we hear or read the Word of God, we do not always see what God wants to show us. After a few days we forget what we heard or read. The result is that the knowledge acquired does not produce real change. Why does this happen? Because real, transforming change occurs when the Holy Spirit applies the Word of God to our heart.

When you read or listen to God's Word, through a sermon, a teaching, a podcast, a book, etc., write down on a sheet of paper what God is showing you about who He is and what He desires to do. Then, prayerfully ask Him to turn what you have learned from information to knowledge that will generate permanent changes in your life.

## What is happening in the family?

It is so exciting to see God at work in our daughters' lives and how they express their full confidence in God's power.



However, it is also difficult, and a great challenge for us, to encourage them that they so naturally desire to seek their personal time of worship with God. Hana and Eliana are entering their teenage years and the challenges are great for everyone. But at the same time, God has used the challenges we face as a family to generate ideas on how to teach the greatness of God at this stage of life. Our daily life is very exciting with a 6-year-old and two pre-teens. Every day has its challenges.

Michelle, the youngest, is the life of the house, she is cheerful and always has an idea. She says she is the craziest because she likes to scream. Each one has such a different personality and God is using this to show what is in our hearts and see how to improve to be the parents they need.

## What is happening at the ministry?

We would like to share with you two experiences that have shown us how God works in people's lives. Several months ago, a person asked about the World Reach Online courses through the website, and Angelina had the opportunity to recommend the workshop "The Reality of My Heart". A couple of days later, this person wrote again to tell us how God had worked in her heart.



She told us that she put a lot of pressure on her son because he was a worship leader, but she did not see any changes in his life. God, through the workshop, showed her what was the motivation that moved her to pressure her son. She realized that in her heart it was very important what people might think of her through her son's behavior. This led her to put pressure on her son, so that people would have a good opinion of her.

God showed her how selfish her motivation was and led her to ask for forgiveness and mend her relationship with her son. Knowing her testimony blessed us. Seeing God at work as we learned that He is more interested in our motivations behind actions than in the actions themselves.