I. Introduction
   A. John 14:6 The way, the truth and the life
      1. The way = Jesus
      2. The destination = the Father
   B. Not until 1996 (celebrated 50th year in ministry)—experienced God as Father

II. Coming to Know the Father
   A. Two different ways in which God speaks (Heb. 1:1–2)
      1. In the prophets
      2. In a different way, in a Son (Son-wise)
   B. High-priestly prayer of Jesus (John 17:6)—“I have manifested Your name.”
      1. What was the name? “Father” (6 times in that chapter)
      2. Manifest: demonstrate it—by living like a Son of God
   C. No one knows the Son but the Father; no one knows the Father but the Son and the one for whom the Son wills to reveal the Father. (Matt. 11:27)
      1. Only one person can reveal the Father: the Son
      2. “Come to Me all you who labor . . . and I will give you rest”
      3. “My yoke,” “My burden” = to do the Father’s will
   D. Four results of knowing the Father
      1. Personal identity
         a. You know who you really are
         b. Generation X—don’t know who they are
      2. A home in heaven
         a. It takes a father to make a home
         b. Angels will carry you home
      3. Total security
         a. More valuable than sparrows, yet God knows when each one falls to the ground (Matt. 10:29–31)
         b. Like a child in his father’s arms
         c. Nothing can snatch you away (John 10:29)
      4. Provides motivation for serving
         a. Always do those things that please Him (John 8:29)
         b. Security comes out of your motive

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