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CHAPTER ELEVEN

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Paul, after expounding the depths of divine wisdom, pauses in awe: *"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"*

There is a moment in every journey of faith where we must admit: we do not understand everything. And that is okay. God did not ask us to comprehend him completely. He asked us to trust. *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding,"* says Proverbs. Mature faith does not demand having all the answers. It rests in the one who has the answers, even if he does not share them all with us.

Job learned this the hard way. After chapters of debate, of unanswered questions, of pain that made no sense, God finally spoke. But he did not explain the why of Job's suffering. Instead, he revealed his greatness — the creation of the universe, the wonders of nature, the mysteries Job could not comprehend. And Job responded: *"Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth."*

It was not an answer to his questions. It was something better: an encounter with God himself. And in that encounter, the questions lost their urgency. Job did not receive an explanation; he received presence. *"I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you."*

This does not mean questions are forbidden. The Psalms are full of honest questions, even complaints. *"How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?"* cries David. God is not offended by our honesty. He prefers genuine questions to pretended certainties.

But there is humility in recognizing the limits of our understanding. Isaiah declares: *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."*

What we do know is enough. We know that God is love — John affirms it without reservation. We know that Christ died for us while we were still sinners — Paul celebrates this.

We know that nothing can separate us from God's love — neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come. The foundations are firm, even if many details remain in mystery.

Faith is not absolute certainty about every doctrine. It is trust in a Person. It is saying with Peter: *"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."* Not because we have everything figured out, but because we have found someone worthy of our trust — someone who demonstrated his love on the cross and his power in the resurrection.

This small book has been an invitation to meditate on the path Jesus taught. It does not claim to have all the answers or to replace deep study of the Scriptures. It is simply an offering — reflections from one pilgrim to other pilgrims, all walking toward the same light.

The mystery remains. And in the mystery, we find not frustration but wonder. Not anxiety but worship. Because the God who does not fit in our categories is also the Father who counts the hairs on our head, who knows our sitting down and rising up, who loved us before we were born and will love us beyond death.

*"For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known."* One day, all the fog will clear. Every question will find an answer. Every pain will make sense. Until then, we walk by faith — trusting the one who called us, following the one who loved us first, awaiting the day when we will see him as he is.

And in the meantime, we love. Because in the end, when everything else fades away, *"So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."*