KNOWN BY NAME · C. 385–461

Patrick of Ireland

The slave who was sent back to his captors

At sixteen he was torn from his home in Roman Britain by raiders and sold as a slave in Ireland. For six years he herded sheep on a cold hillside, and there — a captive, forgotten by the world — he met God.

He escaped. He went home. And then he did the unthinkable: he went *back* — to the very people who had enslaved him — to tell them about Christ.

He wrote, "I am Patrick, a sinner, the most unlearned of men… yet God watched over me before I knew Him."

Known by name, sent to the lost. God knew the name of a nameless slave boy — and sent him to find the lost who had lost him.

KNOWN BY NAME · C. 675–754

Boniface & the Oak

Apostle to the Germans

In the forests of Hesse stood a giant oak sacred to the thunder-god Thor. The people believed anyone who touched it would be struck dead.

Around the year 723, the missionary Boniface walked up to that oak with an axe — in front of a hostile crowd waiting for the gods to kill him. He swung.

The tree fell. He stood unharmed.

In the stunned silence, many believed. Wood from the fallen oak was used to build a little chapel.

Known by name, sent to the lost. He went where the false gods were loudest — and proved the true God louder still.

KNOWN BY NAME · D. 203, CARTHAGE

Perpetua & Felicity

A noblewoman and a slave — equal before God

Perpetua was a young mother from a good family. Felicity was her slave, pregnant in prison. The law said one was worth more than the other. Heaven disagreed.

Perpetua kept a diary in her cell — the oldest surviving writing by a Christian woman. In it, a frightened new mother becomes unshakable.

They walked into the arena together — mistress and servant, side by side — and died holding on to the same hope.

Known by name, sent to the lost. Rank meant nothing; the Name they carried meant everything.

KNOWN BY NAME · C. 296–338

Nino of Georgia

The captive girl who converted a kingdom

She was a young woman stolen from home and made a slave in a foreign land (ancient Georgia). She owned almost nothing — a cross she had woven from grapevines and bound with her own hair.

People noticed her strange joy. When they asked, she told them about Jesus. The sick were healed. Even the queen believed.

A whole nation turned to Christ — because one powerless slave girl would not stop telling her story.

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Telemachus

The monk who ended the games

A quiet monk from the East came to Rome and found the great arena roaring — gladiators cutting each other down for sport, the crowd drunk on blood.

He climbed down into the arena and stepped between the swords, begging them to stop in the name of Christ.

The furious crowd stoned him to death. But the emperor, shaken by what he'd seen, *banned the gladiator games forever.*

One man's death ended centuries of killing.

Known by name, sent to the lost. He walked, unarmed, straight into the place of death — and love outlasted the blades.

KNOWN BY NAME · C. 710–782

Leoba

The woman sent to the frontier

When Boniface needed help evangelizing Germany, he sent for Leoba — a brilliant, joyful nun known for her learning and her laughter.

She crossed the sea and led a community on the rough mission frontier, teaching Scripture to people who had never heard it, trusted by kings and peasants alike.

Boniface asked that when he died, they be buried near one another — companions in the same great sending.

Known by name, sent to the lost. The mission was never carried by the famous alone.

KNOWN BY NAME · C. 311–383

Ulfilas

He gave a people the Word in their own tongue

The Goths were feared as barbarians at the edge of the empire. Ulfilas went to live among them — and realized they could never read the Bible, because their language had never been written down.

So he *invented an alphabet for them* and translated the Scriptures into Gothic, the first time God's Word had ever been put in their language.

An entire people met Christ in words they could finally understand.

Known by name, sent to the lost. To reach the lost, he first learned to speak their heart.

KNOWN BY NAME · 1840–1912

Lottie Moon

"Sent to the lost" — all the way to China

A small, sharp-witted Southern woman with an elite education, Lottie left comfort behind and sailed to China, where she spent nearly 40 years among people most of the world ignored.

She learned the language, wore their dress, baked cookies for suspicious village children — and slowly, a community came to faith.

In famine, she gave away her own food and money. She died weighing barely 50 pounds, having spent herself completely on the lost.

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The One in the Catacombs

An ordinary believer, long ago

Beneath Rome wind miles of dark tunnels where the early Christians buried their dead. On the walls are more than 40,000 inscriptions — most of them scratched by hand, misspelled, in the dark, by grieving families.

We do not know who most of them were. Over and over, the stone says only two words:

“In Pace.” — At peace.

Not kings. Not writers. Just people who believed, and were sure of where they were going.

Known by name, sent to the lost. History forgot their names. Heaven did not.

NAME UNKNOWN · STORY REMEMBERED

The Slave Girl of Iberia

Before she was called a saint

When she first arrived — stolen, alone, enslaved in a strange country — no one recorded her name. To her owners she was property. To the market she was a price.

But she prayed. She healed. She told the story of Jesus to anyone who would listen, and a kingdom was changed.

Only later did the world give her a name to remember her by. God had known it from the start.

Known by name, sent to the lost. You can be unnamed to the world and still be God's chosen messenger.

NAME UNKNOWN · STORY REMEMBERED

The Companions

The ones listed as “and the others”

Read the old accounts of the martyrs and you'll find a strange phrase again and again: a few names… and then, “and the others with them.”

Whole groups went to their deaths together. The chronicler caught a name or two and lost the rest to time.

“And the others.”

Nameless to us. Each one known, counted, and loved by the God they died for.

Known by name, sent to the lost. There is no such thing as “and the others” to God.

NAME UNKNOWN · YOUR TURN

The Next One

A card left unfinished

Every name on these cards was once just an ordinary person who said yes.

A slave. A monk. A mother. A girl no one noticed. None of them knew their story would still be told on a night like this.

The next card is blank on purpose.

God already knows your name. The only question tonight is whether you'll let yourself be sent.

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KNOWN BY NAME · C. 69–155

Polycarp

The old bishop who would not deny his King

Polycarp had known the apostle John himself. As an old man, bishop of Smyrna, he was arrested and ordered to curse Christ to save his life.

He answered: *"Eighty-six years I have served Him, and He has never done me wrong. How can I blaspheme my King who saved me?"*

They burned him at the stake. He prayed and thanked God to the end — one of the first martyrdoms the church ever wrote down.

Known by name, sent to the lost. A lifetime of faithfulness, and he would not trade the Name even for his life.

KNOWN BY NAME · D. 177, LYONS

Blandina

The slave girl they could not break

She was a slave — young, frail, considered the least important of all the Christians arrested in Lyons. Everyone expected her to crack first.

Instead she outlasted them all. Tortured until her tormentors gave up from exhaustion, she answered every question the same way:

"I am a Christian, and we have done nothing wrong."

Hung on a stake in the arena, she looked, they said, like Christ on the cross — and gave the others courage.

Known by name, sent to the lost. The one the world counted least, Heaven counted strongest.

KNOWN BY NAME · 521–597

Columba of Iona

Sailed away from home to win a people

After a bitter quarrel in Ireland that led to bloodshed, Columba left everything — sailing north with twelve companions until his homeland sank below the horizon, vowing to win more souls than had been lost.

On the tiny island of Iona he built a monastery that became a lighthouse of the gospel, sending missionaries out to the pagan Picts and across Scotland.

From one windswept rock, a nation was reached.

Known by name, sent to the lost. Exile became a sending; failure became a mission.

KNOWN BY NAME · 1927–1956

Jim Elliot

Gave his life to reach a people who had never heard

As a young man he wrote: *"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."*

He and four friends flew into the Ecuadorian jungle to reach the Waorani, a people isolated from the gospel. On January 8, 1956, all five were speared to death on a river beach.

Years later, through his widow Elisabeth, many of the very people who killed them came to faith in Christ.

Known by name, sent to the lost. The sending still costs everything — and is still worth it.

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