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JOY A MIDST SUFFERING

EXAMPLE #1 - JESUS

Let's look again at **Phil. 2:5-11** we see that Jesus came to earth and he suffered...particularly in these verses we see that he suffered on the cross.

From **Genesis 3:15** we see that from the very beginning Jesus planned to suffer. He knew that it wouldn't only mean physical suffering but also he would face rejection, and mockery from the very people he came to save.

Still he came. He had peace and crowds were drawn to him. During his time of ministry he knew that his time of suffering was drawing near. He knew what the magnitude of that suffering would be and yet he daily lived out his life on earth.

As he was led forth to die he said nothing. No complaining, no bitterness, just total submission to the suffering he knew that he must undergo. We can't even begin to understand the suffering of Jesus.

EXAMPLE #2 – PAUL

In Philippi:

We've just looked at Acts and seen the things that Paul had to go through there.

- Mocked by slave-girl
- Flogged
- Thrown in prison ~ note: Today I'm told that you are able to see the prison where Paul and Silas were forced to stay for the night. The location of that prison is part of the sewage system. Supposedly this is where they were thrown and were up to their armpits in sewage. Today the stench of this sewage remains.

- Asked to leave the city

In Rome:

Here he was awaiting his verdict from Caesar. He was under house arrest for 2 years (Acts 28).

Even if he was under house arrest and that seemed a bit easier than the prison the fact of the matter is that he wasn't free to leave. For Paul a MISSIONARY who thrived on traveling throughout the empire this would most likely drive him nuts. (although he got a chance to catch up on his letter writing.)

If that wasn't enough to be considered suffering think about the fact that his life was in jeopardy. The emperor could either free him or could execute him in anyway that he desired.

I know that Paul was a man who totally trusted the Lord with his life... look at all the persecution that he went through. However, he is still human and likely to go through times of fear and doubt.

DESPITE ALL OF THIS PAUL'S LETTER Oozes with JOY. IN EVERY PART OF IT THERE IS NOT A SENSE OF NEGATIVITY AT ALL.

Let's look at the reason's behind this joy...

1.) The Philippians have stood firm thus far.
READ 1:4-7

The first reason we've already talked about. That is the testimony of the Philippians that they have stood firm for so long, and have encouraged him so many times. Paul very clearly remembers the vision that he had while he was at Troas of the Macedonian man calling him to come minister to the people of Macedonia. Paul knew that God had a plan and purpose for this region and the people in this city. Therefore this also gave him hope. That because he

followed that vision people were still clinging to the gospel in that city.
(1:4-7)

People are boldly proclaiming the gospel.

READ 1:12-18

2. The second is that he can see how his imprisonment has led to further proclamation of the gospel. He sees fruit in his ministry even though he is in prison. So he looks back on his time in Philippi and knows that God worked there. Now he sees what is happening in Rome and he is able to see God working there. He knows that it has not been in vain. (1:12-18)

Paul knows that in life or death Christ is exalted

READ 1:18b-26

3. And the third reason that Paul has joy is that no matter what happens, whether he lives or dies that God will be exalted. Paul has a long history of total dependence on God to totally take care of him, not knowing so many times if he would live or die. He knew that his life was in the sovereign hands of the Lord and he wasn't worried about it.

Thus Paul is following the example of Christ's suffering. Just as Jesus had peace amidst his suffering so Paul radiated with joy and peace during this time. They come forth in every word of this letter.

Just as Jesus knew all the suffering that he would go through so did Paul. (**ACTS 9:16**) Right from the beginning of his calling the Lord had shown him the extent of his suffering and Paul willingly walked through it.

In Philippians 4:13 we see that Paul gets his strength for this from Christ who strengthens him to do all things.

Philippian Church

Let's look ahead to 1:29-30

The church seems to have inherited the persecution that Paul had gone through in their colony about 10 years earlier.

Outcome... they too are to follow Christ's example, and the example they see in Paul.

By sharing the hope that Paul has while he's in prison he's also giving them hope in their situation.

- He is proud of them and b/c of their suffering the gospel will spread and be proclaimed more boldly in Philippi... and all along the Egnatian Way.
- Just as Christ will be exalted in the outcome of his situation... so will he be exalted through the lives of the Philippians.

US:

VIDEO CLIP: Jesus Crucifixion (lev. Video)

- How many times have we seen this portrayed?
- How many times have we seen the picture painted?
- How many times have we read the accounts of this monumental event?

Have we become hardened to the message of the cross?

Jesus submit himself to SUFFERING... he emptied himself,

from the form of GOD... to become like US, to go through all the things that we do... even to the point of dying like us.

ONE REASON!! ~ For Paul...for the church in Philippi... and for us!

VIDEO CLIP: Paul in Prison (A.D. iii)

EXPLANATION: Paul had HOPE!

This is where his joy came from. The picture was bigger than just him and his present suffering. REMEMBER HE HAD REASON FOR JOY!

- Philippians were steadfast in devotion to gospel
- Saints boldly proclaiming gospel
- Knew that even if he died he had the victory...he'd be with Jesus!

This hope was for the Philippian church. This hope is for US! We may not be bound in chains but suffering is part of giving our all for Christ.

- Maybe some of you have faced rejection from your family because of your acceptance of Christ.
THAT IS SUFFERING! For the past year my mom's side of the family hasn't spoken to us because they didn't like the fact that we were re-baptized. IT HURTS!
- For some of you it's maybe just being here in Hawaii... giving up your language, your culture, everything that is familiar to you.
- Some of you are 1000's of miles or km's from your families. It's difficult for you at Christmas time to be so far away from them.

- Maybe just being here in SBS is the most difficult thing you've ever done. You feel you've failed as a student before and are scared to death your going to fail again.

In all of these situations I want to say TAKE COURAGE!

Remember the hope that Paul knew. Remember this is not the end of the matter, and that in all of your lives, in all situations GOD IS GLORIFIED!

One of my favorite stories is PILGRIM'S PROGRESS. It shows the life of a Christian and all the struggles that he must endure in his life. But finally at the end of it all he is in Heaven with his precious Lord and King rejoicing.

THEREFORE, Let us also rejoice!

BREAK TIME!!! 5 MIN.

PART II : **UNITY COMES FROM HUMILITY**

JESUS

Once again let's go back to the example of Jesus his humility and his Lordship.

This example is not placed in this section by accident rather it is part of a

LAW OF COMPOSITION that Paul uses beginning with the 1:27 where he gives:

A.) an exhortation... in this case it's for the church to be of the same mind and then to consider one another as better than themselves.

B.) Example... following Paul's instructions he wants to make sure that the church gets it so he gives them an example of someone either living it out properly or someone who is not.

Thus Paul had just exhorted the Philippians to live in humility then he shows them the ultimate example of humility~JESUS!

How many times can I say it? Jesus humbled himself for me!!!!!!!!!!

Names... Eddie, Jesus humbled himself for you... Jake, Jesus humbled himself as a servant for you!... Kie Jung...it was for you that he humbled himself. And you and you and you... It's not an easy thing to receive.

I mean think if your best friend knew that you were dying and that if he gave up his own life that you would live. So he decided that he was going to give up his life in order to spare yours.

Would you have had trouble allowing him to do such a thing? In a sense that is what Jesus did for us and so many times we overlook the awesome-ness of it.

I know that you know already that Jesus gave these things up for you. Yet I hope that as we come back to this passage again and again that you will have your vision of what Jesus has done for you renewed.

So in this section what I'd like you to see is Jesus regarding the interests of others over his own.

Thus being an example of 2:4

"Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others."

Example #2~Timothy and Epaphroditus

Here Paul really wants the church to get this matter of humility so he gives another little exhortation (which we'll come to in a moment) and then he 2 more examples... Timothy and Epaphroditus.

First let's look at Timothy... There are 2 things to note about this example.

1. Timothy was very well known to them we know that he Was with Paul on his first trip to Philippi (Acts 16) Plus then we know that he returned to Macedonia from Acts 19:22.

Here Paul sent Timothy to Macedonia and then followed him a little later. If he was in Macedonia then he probably stopped at Philippi for at least some length of time.

Because Timothy was well known to them then they knew that he was a trustworthy example for Paul to use.

2. Just as Jesus became a slave being born in human Likeness. So Timothy became a Slave to the Gospel.

Let's look at **2:22**. Here it says that Timothy served with Paul in the gospel.

This word for served comes from the same root as the word for slave that Paul uses when he says that Jesus "took the form of a slave".

Therefore Timothy is a perfect of humility for the OR to follow.

1. HE was familiar to them because he had been with them for some amount of time.

2. And because he had committed his life not to seeking the interests of himself but rather those of the gospel.

Epaphroditus ~2:25-30

Just a quick note on who Epaphroditus is.

First by looking through the text of Philippians... look at these verses. What emotion does it seem that he's going through?

- **HOMESICKNESS!!!**

Because of chapter 4 it seems that Epaphroditus is possibly the one who carried the gifts from Philippi to Paul.

His name is kind of interesting... It suggests connections with the cult of Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love and fertility. (suggests a bit of what his past might have been.)

One thing interesting about this passage is the part where Paul encourages them to welcome him back he uses a metaphor. He is telling them to welcome him back with the same honor that they would give a war veteran upon returning after risking his life.

Just as a veteran had risked his life for Rome so Epaphroditus risked his life for the gospel.

I'll leave it up to you to interpret why Paul included him at this point in the letter.

Church of Philippi

Let's begin by reading 1:27-2:4

We see here that Paul is addressing an issue. What do you think that it is?

Good!

Here's what I think that Paul does. First he addresses the issue of disunity among them. Then he shows them why they have this problem.

DO you remember the things from before that we talked about? What were some things that the Philippians were proud of?

- Roman Citizenship
- Location along the Egnatian Way
- Their history of how the city was founded
- They were the first church in Europe

This pride seems to have seeped down from the city into the atmosphere of the church. Two examples...

This is how the message reads:

Read vs.

So we see that if Paul needs to instruct them in this that it's a problem.

Example #2:

In 4:2-3 we see that Paul reprimands two women of the church (seemingly leaders and highly esteemed by Paul) because they are disagreeing with someone.

I always think about this every time I read this that it was probably a humbling thing for them to have Paul write this in the letter that went probably around Macedonia to the other churches.

Plus not only did it affect them then but now forever in history is this reprimand about their bickering. I don't know if I'd want that written down in the Bible for all times. ☹️

The answer to this PRIDE was humility.

1. Just as Jesus gave up His position as God to become man, and just as Timothy didn't look to his own interests but became a slave to the gospel, so the church was to lay their own interests aside and begin serving each other and the gospel.

DIFFICULT PASSAGE:

Among this instruction lies a passage that seems to be a bit out of place and if taken out of context or by itself could be easily misinterpreted.

2:12

Work out your salvation with fear and trembling.

I was a little bit worried about this passage when I first began to study Philippians... but now more and more as I look in it in light of the whole book this is my own conclusion... and you can agree or disagree, just put your thoughts on your chart.

Let's look at a few other passages within the book.

- 1:11 ~ the harvest of righteousness comes through JESUS CHRIST. (not by themselves)

- 3:2-3 ~ Confidence comes not through flesh but through CHRIST! (no confidence in ourselves to get ourselves to heaven)
- 4:13 ~ I can do all things THROUGH CHRIST!

Throughout all of these passages Paul makes it clear that the only way to gain salvation is through Christ.

Now lets look at the other part of the passage. Paul makes it clear that whatever the Philippians do it is b/c God is at work within them.

INTERPRETATION:

Therefore, my interpretation is this:

Paul so badly wanted the Philippian church to live up to its full potential in Christ. He has just given them the ultimate example of living in humility and has exhorted them to do so. Now he is urging them to **LIVE THIS OUT**. They have the choice to embrace his correction and begin living it out or continue living in their PRIDE and living in disunity.

The next half of the verse shows them that whatever change DOES come within their church is solely by God being at work within them. Therefore, they cannot take PRIDE in the change.

Now that the Philippians have their pride pointed out to them they.

Example speaking: choice to ignore this correction or to take on the challenge and grow from it. Thus knowing Christ more fully as is Paul's prayer in the beginning that, "their love would grow in knowledge and depth of insight."

There are several reasons that I believe Paul is addressing this issue of **pride** and **disunity**.

Let's see if we can find any of them.

1. In verses 1:27

What does Paul's reasoning seem to be here?

TO SHOW THEIR OPPONENTS THAT THEY WILL
BE SAVED AND THEIR OPPONENTS WILL BE
DESTROYED. (in midst of their suffering.)

2. 2:12-13 He wants to see church in Philippi live up to their full potential, and embrace all that God has for them no matter how difficult it seemed.

3. F3: 13-14 By being united and not arguing or complaining they would be a light in their community. Who wants to be a part of something in which all the people are arguing and bickering?

- So now we've looked at the example of Jesus again coming in humility. He gave all because he was looking to our interests rather than his own.
- We've looked at Timothy and Epaphroditus and how for them working in humility meant that they would not seek their own interests but become slaves to the gospel. Thus they are lowering themselves to become servants to Jesus that others might know him.
- The Philippian church is lacking in humility and we just saw Paul address this issue and how it affects unity in their church.

- Now how about ourselves... We are all here on this campus that we might know Christ more fully.

But

How do we relate to one another? Between the cultures?

- Are we willing to lay aside things in our cultures so that we might get along? Are we willing to cross the language barrier? Or the food barrier? Or even just the way our culture thinks so that we might function better in the body of Christ?

Second language students I want to say thank you for coming and that I'm sorry that sometimes it's difficult for you to be here in American culture. And that so many times we don't realize how difficult it is. Thank you for stepping outside of your comfort zone and coming here to SBS to be a part of it.

Americans it's so important for us to welcome people here to the University not just with our words but with our actions. So many times we are excited about the diversity of the nations here on campus, but we don't really do anything with it. The Islanders sit at one table, Koreans at another, and Americans at another. And although we are all gathered here for the same purpose there is division among us. It just makes me sad.

However, there is hope. That hope is this:

That as we begin walking out in the humility that calls us to that we can make a difference on this campus and in this classroom in among our roommates. Let US be an example of unity here on this campus.

So many times we sing this song break dividing walls... and nothing changes. Today let's sing this song and let's let it be prayer of our hearts, that God would work humility and unity in us ~ in our classroom, in our rooms, in our relationships with one another. If there is dissension between you and someone else, or if you have been hurt by another person, or you have hurt

someone, I urge you to approach the problem and ask God how to work out the situation. He will. Let us function in love, humility, and unity in this class.

All Loss Compared to Knowing Christ

Ok, when we start a new section where do we begin? Right...

JESUS

This time as we look at Jesus I want to note a progression...

1. Jesus = God (2:6)
2. Jesus humbled himself and became man suffered and died. (2:7-8)
3. Jesus exalted to the praise and glory of God the Father.

Conclusion:

Humility leads to exaltation.

Paul

3:1b- 4:7

Here we see Paul go through this same progression.

Paul exalted by human standards

1. Paul's history 3:4b-6

- * circumcised 8th day
- * member of people of Israel
this shows that he is a true Jew... he knows his lineage.
- * Hebrew of Hebrews
This means that because the Jews were dispersed

Throughout the empire many of the Jews adopted the Culture and language of the places where they had been dispersed. Thus losing much of their heritage.

When Paul says that he is a Hebrew of Hebrews This means that he was true to his heritage. He would have pure Jewish descent and also he was able to speak Hebrew.

*** Pharisee**

The name Pharisee means "The Separated Ones". The life of a Pharisee was devoted to keeping every detail of the law.

*** Zealous Persecutor of the Church**

Paul was a fanatic!

*** Righteous Under the Law**

Paul had everything when he was a Pharisee. He had the respect of the Jews. He'd been trained under a well-known rabbi. He was living his life for God, or so he thought. But although Paul had all of these accomplishments, he found that none of them could ever win righteousness.

Paul humbled himself

Paul considered all of his accomplishments and all of his efforts as one big heap of **rubbish**.

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In Greek = skubala... = dog dung (as close to a Profanity as Paul could get)

So any righteousness that he tried to accomplish on his own was skubala. Any way that he tried to get right God was useless and therefore skubala. It was worthless, not only was it worthless it was downright gross. This was a huge thing for a Pharisee to admit.

Because of Paul's former position he had the authority to warn them about the Judaizers. He knew very well the result of relying on

the law for righteousness. Thus his warning should be well heeded by the Philippians a church that he writes so personally to.

Nothing of his former life mattered any longer because following all the rules and all the regulations were skubala compared to knowing Christ.

Knowing Christ:

The Greek word for "knowing" is part of the verb "*ginoskein*". This is a word used usually in a very personal sense of knowing. It isn't a merely intellectually knowing, but it is used for a person knowing another person.

When Hebrew was translated into Greek this is the word that they used in the O.T. when it says that "Adam knew His wife and she conceived, and bore a son."

This is the INTIMACY that Paul is seeking to have with Christ.

There are areas where Paul seeks this intimacy.

The first that he mentions is that of his wanting to know the **power of Christ's resurrection.**

He wants to live his life in Christ to it's fullest, knowing every day the power of Christ's resurrection. Knowing that just like we saw last week in Romans chapter 6 that we have a new life in Christ. His old life of Judaism is gone. Now he lives a new life in the Spirit by the work of Jesus Christ.

He wants to live in this way... by the Spirit of God and he presses on to do so.

For the Philippians

This is an encouragement to them b/c just as Paul was looking to live his life in the power of the resurrection, and by the Spirit in the

midst of his persecution, so are they to do in the midst of this persecution that they are facing.

Also he wants them to know that the power that is within them is greater than that of their persecutors. Christ had the victory and so would they!

Knowing Christ in Suffering and Death:

It seems that this is an area that Paul knew and lived through many times. Because he was in that situation so many times, and because he knew from the beginning when Christ called him that he would suffer, he realized that it was part of being a follower of Christ. And he realized that it helped him to know Christ in a way that he wouldn't have otherwise.

As to dying Paul was ready and willing to do so. He saw that the benefits of his dying were great...

For the Philippians:

Paul is shifting the focus here for them. He is helping them to take their eyes off of the suffering and turning their eyes to Jesus.

He is reminding them of the reason that they are going through this suffering... and that is so that they might KNOW Christ, not that they know about him but that they know him... intimately.

Paul isn't sorry for them in their suffering he rejoices in it! He knows that although it's difficult it will be for their benefit. They will KNOW Christ.

Knowing Christ in the Resurrection of the Dead:

This is the hope that keeps Paul going, that one day just as Christ was raised from the dead so would he be raised,
And given eternal life with Jesus.

He clings to this hope with everything that he has. He knows that he experiences part of the resurrection power of Jesus but he can't wait it is completed.

When he experiences full resurrection of the dead.

For the Philippians

Just as Paul clung to this hope in the midst of his persecution so he wanted the Philippians to cling to this hope in the midst of their struggles.

This hard time in their lives was NOT the end of the story!!

Let's look at 3:21

Here we see that there is humiliation in suffering. Most likely the Christians in Philippi were strongly ridiculed because they didn't adhere to Roman religion.

Thus Paul reminds them that their true citizenship is not in Philippi, but in heaven. Thus the humiliation that they were facing was only temporary.

And at the end of this Paul would be glorified and the Philippians would be glorified being conformed to the body of Christ's glory.

Thus the Progression would be complete in Paul's life and the lives of the Philippians.

They were considered exalted by the standards of man.

- Paul was a Pharisee ~ looked up to by the Jews
- The Philippians were part of a colony and proud of it.

They were to humble themselves being willing to suffer, ~not considering themselves part of an earthly kingdom but find their citizenship in heaven.

They eventually would obtain resurrection of the dead.

Paul so badly wanted the Philippians to KNOW Christ. TO understand this longing in him that just wanted to know Christ and it didn't matter to him that he had to suffer. IT was ok because all else was Skubala.

APPLICATION:

What is Skubala to you? Have we considered all things loss compared to knowing Jesus.

Are we ready to do whatever it takes to know Christ as intimately as possible?

Why are we here? Have we laid aside all distractions in order to know him?

We can't win God's righteousness. We can't win his attention. But by knowing Christ in his resurrection life, in his suffering and death, and one day in the resurrection of the dead, we can live in his righteousness in him and in him alone!.

Considering all things loss that we might know him more is also a matter of humility. It is looking to the interests of the gospel and

those of Jesus over those of what we would naturally do for ourselves.

- Maybe some of you have given up jobs that you loved.
- Or set aside going to university for now
- Or come out of your culture

Considering all these things loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Jesus.

I believe that God will honor that in you. And I encourage you to think about this as you are charting. Think about the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ. This is why you are in SBS... to know our Lord Jesus better.

Grace in Giving; True Contentment

JESUS:

Jesus came to earth never complaining but content to
Be a reflection of the Father here on earth for 33 years.

He was God of heaven and earth
Yet he chose to be born not as a king,
But as a carpenter's son.

In a few days it's Christmas, and I don't think that it's a coincidence that this book ends up right before.
While reflecting on the book over the next 2 days, I encourage you to look at Jesus,
His contentment came from doing the Father's will.
He came to do the Father's will, which was being a carpenter's son.
He would have been just as content living
A king's life or remaining as God
Had that been the Father's will.

Jesus knew what it was to have little and what it was to have much. He was in the form of GOD! Yet his life here was far from extravagant.

LUKE 9:58

“Foxes have holes, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.”

His satisfaction did not come from what he had but from his relationship with God.

PAUL:

Paul also had gone through times of plenty and times of nothing.

Paul was a Roman citizen, and he'd been a Pharisee, well trained, a man of some stature. Therefore, he had plenty.

He's also had times with little ~ being in prison on several occasions, entering a city not knowing where he might spend the night.

In all situations he was CONTENT.

Greek # 842

Means “self- complacent” or “self-satisfied”

When Paul says this he is directly commenting on a belief of the Stoics, a group of Greek philosophers.

They believed that in order to be content man mustn't rely on gaining possessions...

BUT

that he must lessen his desires for those possessions.

Therefore the only way to true contentment is that they get rid of all desire until nothing and no one are needed.

Contentment for a Stoic = complete self-sufficiency

However, when we look at 4:13

It says that I can do all things THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME.

Paul's Contentment = complete DEPENDANCE on God!

TO Philippians

Just as Paul was content, or completely dependent on God, in all circumstances, so were the Philippians to be completely GOD-DEPENDENT in this time of persecution.

They were a church known to Paul to be exceptional at financially supporting him in all kinds of circumstances. They supported him at Thessalonica, a place where Paul was harshly persecuted by the Jews.

Also in 2 COR. 11:9

WE see that a church from Macedonia supported Paul. Based on the history of the Philippian church, it was probably them.

Paul knew that they loved him and therefore, probably had more encouragement knowing that they were praying for him and showing concern rather than the fact that they gave him money.

- Christ gave his very life
- Paul gave up his rights becoming a slave to the gospel ~ knowing both times of plenty and poverty.

- Philippians followed these examples giving what they could to Paul. Both monetarily, and also by sending Epaphroditus as we saw earlier.

Because Paul saw their heart and he KNEW his Lord...

He left them with this encouragement:

“ My God will supply all your needs, according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

Therefore, once again he is encouraging them to be totally God-dependent, knowing from experience that it has been true in his own life.

Also, he’s reminding the Philippians that it’s through Jesus that all of their needs are met.

Just as Paul and the Philippians were to depend totally on Jesus to meet ALL of their needs ,

So are we to depend totally on Jesus to meet every one of our needs.

JESUS is our provider... he meets every need that we have whether it is emotional, physical, or spiritual ~ He is the one to fill that need.

* He sees every need in our hearts and minds...

Our need for Friendships and relationships...

He is a relational God and he fills that need.

* He sees the pains and the hurts in our hearts ~ things no one else sees...

He is our healer.

- * He sees our weaknesses and when we're about to fall.
He is our strength.

JESUS IS EVERYTHING THAT WE NEED. He fills our lives and there is nothing greater than the hugeness of knowing Jesus and his place in our lives.

I think that Paul could say that Jesus would supply the Philippians every need and mean it because he KNEW Jesus in an intimate way. SO because we KNOW Christ we can say this in our lives...

As we are totally God-dependent we will see more and more his work, his supply, and his glorious riches in our lives.

Testimony

- I. SBS ~ studying Bible brings healing.**
- II. Lost in the crowd**
- III. Knowing that God sees me.**
- IV. Realizing he meets every need.**
- V. Realizing he helped me stand up here today.**
- VI. Knowing he will help and provide in the future.**

**OUR GOD IS GOOD!!
LET'S LIVE IN THE ASSURANCE OF KNOWING
HIM!!!!!!**

LET'S PRAY!

