

# PRESSING ON TO KNOW JESUS



SEE, HOBBS, WE SHOULDN'T  
NEED ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO  
FEEL GOOD ABOUT OURSELVES.

SELF-ESTEEM  
SHOULDN'T BE  
CONDITIONAL.



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THAT'S WHY I'VE STOPPED DOING  
HOMEWORK. I DON'T NEED TO  
LEARN THINGS TO LIKE MYSELF.  
I'M FINE THE WAY I AM.



SO THE SECRET TO GOOD SELF-ESTEEM IS TO LOWER YOUR EXPECTATIONS TO THE POINT WHERE THEY'RE ALREADY MET?




RIGHT. WE SHOULD TAKE **PRIDE** IN OUR **MEDIOCRITY**.

REMIND ME TO INVEST OVERSEAS.

I THINK THIS SNOWMAN IS GOOD ENOUGH, DON'T YOU?



A person wearing a blue puffer jacket and dark pants is walking away from the camera on a dirt path. The path is surrounded by tall, dry grass and some small evergreen trees. In the background, there are more trees and a hazy sky. The overall scene is a natural, outdoor setting.

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*In Humility*

Humility is the internal frame of heart that results from seeing ourselves as we really are... before the glory of God.

-Nick Thompson

1. Know yourself.

2. Know God.

For the Christian, humility is absolutely indispensable.

Without it there can be no self-knowledge, no repentance, no faith and no salvation.

-AW Tozer

- I am **LOVED.**
- I am **FORGIVEN.**
- I am **BECOMING.**
- I am **PROMISED.**



# The Question:

How can we live in  
humility?

*Answers from Philippians 2*

Humility is not a character trait to develop, it's the natural by-product of being with Jesus.

-Louie Giglio

A person is walking away from the camera in a field of tall grass. The person is wearing a dark jacket and pants. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape with trees and a bright sky. The overall tone is peaceful and contemplative.

# 1) Commit to Joy

Philippians 2:1-2

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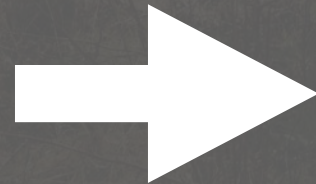
*So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,*

*complete my joy by being of the  
same mind, having the same love,  
being in full accord and of one  
mind.*

# Jesus-centered Joy in suffering



**Humility**



**Unity**

# Happiness?

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

-Philippians 1:21

I want you to know, brothers,  
that what has happened to me  
has really served to advance the  
gospel...

-Paul (Philippians 1:12)



What do you  
want?



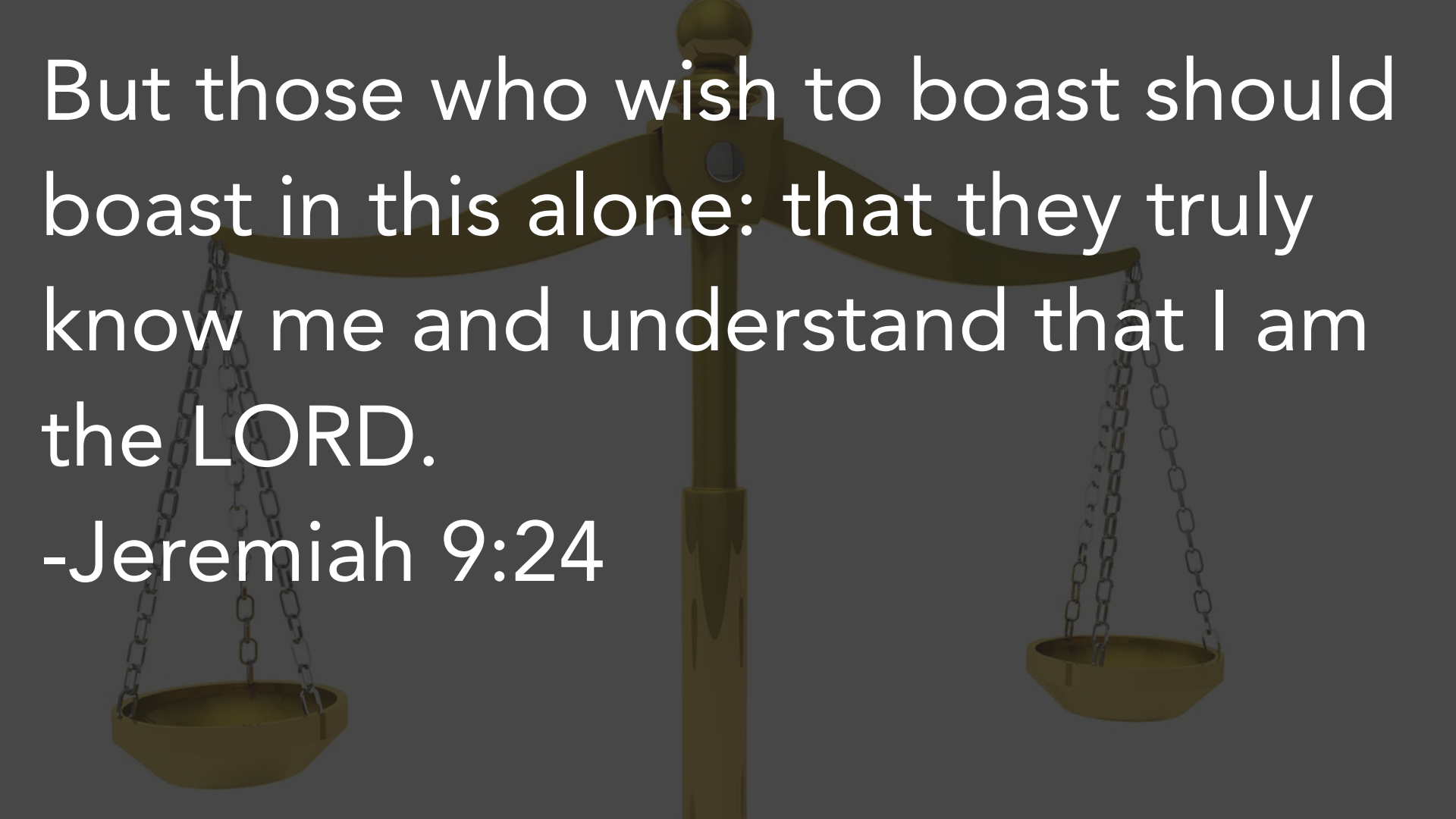
-Jesus (John 1:38)

A wooden treasure chest is shown open, overflowing with a variety of jewelry. The items include several necklaces with different bead colors (yellow, orange, blue, white), a bracelet with large red and gold beads, and other pieces of jewelry. The chest is made of light-colored wood and has a metal latch on the lid. The background is dark, making the jewelry stand out.

**He is worth it.**

# Gain & Loss





But those who wish to boast should  
boast in this alone: that they truly  
know me and understand that I am  
the LORD.

-Jeremiah 9:24



# 2) Empty yourself?

Philippians 2:5-8

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5 Have this mind among yourselves,  
which is yours in Christ

Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the  
form of God, did not count equality  
with God a thing to be grasped,

*7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

# Kenosis:

It is better to think of Christ's "emptying" of Himself as a laying aside of the privileges that were His in heaven.

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Emptiness is  
Fullness?

Got it then give it.

Keep it then lose it.

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

-Philippians 2:4



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# Obedience & Suffering?


No matter what precautions we take,  
no matter how well we have put  
together a good life, no matter how  
hard we have worked ... something  
will inevitably ruin it.

-Timothy Keller

Suffering is unbearable if you aren't certain that God is for you and with you.

-Timothy Keller

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. -James 1:2-3

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3) Live for the  
reward.

Philippians 2:9-11



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9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

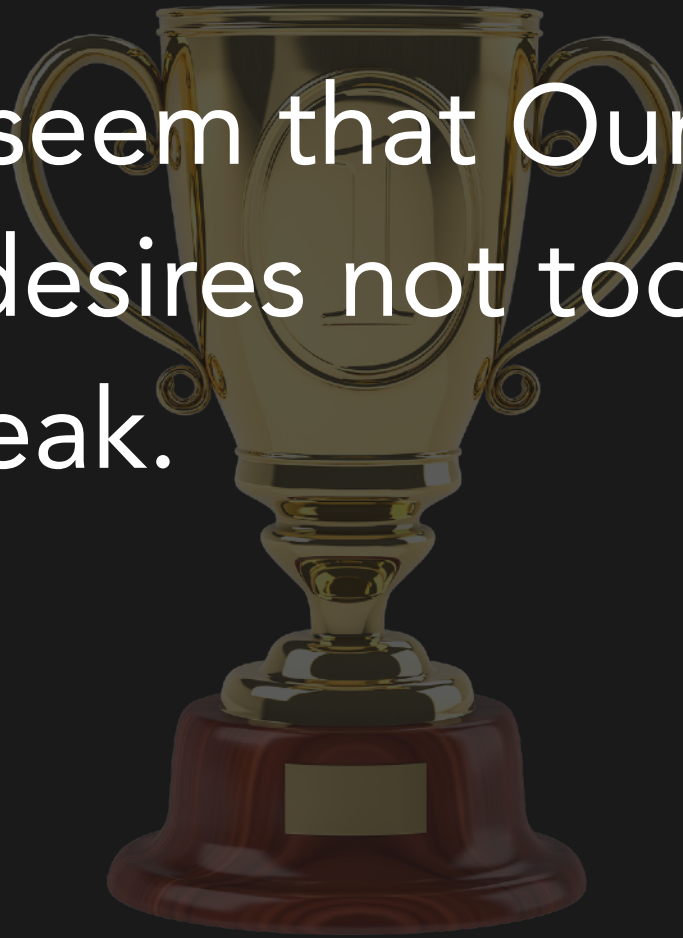
*10 so that at the name of  
Jesus every knee should bow, in  
heaven and on earth and under the  
earth, 11 and every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the  
glory of God the Father.*

The reward  
is the end?



“It would seem that Our Lord  
finds our desires not too strong,  
but too weak.

-CS Lewis



In the end is  
the reward.



# Three Closing Questions

1) What convinces you that real joy is found in Jesus?

# Three Closing Questions

2) What does it look like for you to empty yourself these days?

# Three Closing Questions

3) How do you experience hope knowing that you have a great reward awaiting you?



# Closing Quote

Humble yourselves before the  
Lord, and he will exalt you.

-James 4:10

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