

good evening everyone
and thank you for being here
man this is isn't it awesome to be in
the house of the lord
well
no hey praise the lord man praise god we
have a place we can worship
we we have a place where we can open our
bibles and pray and worship god you know
lift up our hands
and also to come and listen from god
amen
amen well i got a prayer request i'm
sure there's a lot of us and all of us
here need prayer we're here because we
do need prayer and but i have a special
prayer request for isabel jones
she's in the hospital uh what she's
gonna go get blood test
i can't really read it
but we're gonna pray why don't you guys
join me in the word of prayer all in one
accord
do you have any father god in in jesus
most precious name
a lord and our savior we come before you
throne of mercy this
this evening
to thank you lord for allowing us to be
here for allowing us to have a place
where we can come and worship you for
allowing us to lift up our hands
and allowing us father god to to speak
your word
thank you lord
that we are able to
to show our love towards you our
gratitude
and thank you for hearing our prayers
and thank you for we know that this is
what you want us to do lord to gather
together all in one accord and bring all
of our supplications our illnesses our
trials our infirmities
before you throw no mercy yes all of us
here come in one accord with different
dilemmas in our lives with different

trials different infirmities
oh different financial problems
lord
and we've laid them at your most tender
and loving hands for we know that your
hands are love tender merciful
and full of compassion so father
come before us and shower us with your
presence
and may you be with isabel and father
may any test that they'll do on her may
may it be negative
and father in the name of your son jesus
christ of nazareth we do pray for
miracles upon her and upon our own
personal lives also
thank you lord
thank you for this wonderful opportunity
thank you father god for sending your
son jesus christ
to the cross for our sins thank you for
his
thank you lord
in jesus most precious name we pray
amen
before you sit down open your bibles to
psalms
119.
we're going to read the whole psalm okay
[Laughter]
119 will be here until tomorrow morning
but psalm 119
and verse
33
verse 33 to 37.
it says in verse in psalms 119
verse 33 to 37 verse 33 he says teach me
o lord the way of your statutes and i
shall keep it to the end give me
understanding and i shall keep your law
indeed i shall oversee it with my whole
heart
verse 35 make me walk
in the path of your commandments for i
delight in it
and climb
my heart to your testimonies and not to

covetousness
turn away
my eyes from looking at worthless things
and revive me in your ways
father in the name of your son jesus
christ lord we we thank you
and we bring ourselves before your
throne of mercy and put ourselves
in your most tender and loving hands and
we open our hearts to you
that you will direct us guide us
and teach us
your statues
your loving kindness father that we may
be the light of the world
that we father god may be that
encouragement unto others
and lord we thank you for you are in
control of our lives you are in control
of our state
of our country
and father we know that you also want
all of our representatives to come
before your throne of mercy and be saved
everyone that doesn't know you father
god
so father as we open
your word
may you speak through me may i disappear
and you be magnified lord
and father shower us with your presence
in jesus most precious name we pray
amen what a beautiful psalm huh
to be directed only god knows
our weaknesses only god knows
our trial our troubles our trials and
infirmities
before you sit down you could have a
seat and but make sure you turn around
to say hi to one another
well
as we know on wednesday night we're
going through the book of philippians
and
what a beautiful book because
this book
as paul writes to the philippians you

know in every letter that paul writes
he's always encouraging he's always
showing us how to deal with dilemmas
with trials
with infirmities he's always teaching us
directing us how to deal
with problems
and right here
in the book of philippians there is a
trial there is a problem in in the
church of philippi
but
you know we also have problems here at
church we're not a perfect church we
have our we have
you know people that come and try to
divide the unity of the of christ of the
church
and this is what is happening
right now in the book of in the church
of philippi this is paul imagine i mean
not imagine look in your
in your mind
have a vision of paul being incarcerated
all right i mean and back back in those
days jails were not like today today you
have everything medical
dental ice and three meals a day
you could shower every day
back in those days you know they didn't
have nothing like that it was just a
cave
with bars and that's what they would
keep the prisoners and paul is riding
from rome to the philippi to the
philippines
encouraging them but i also this
this book spoke to me personally because
i
see
my problem is
dealing with a situation dealing with
trials
dealing with problems at home
you know sometimes a
a problem at trial would take you out of
your comfort zone

and you cannot focus you cannot think
you sometimes you can even speak or say
the right words because everything
around us is going crazy
and just like today
you know
the whole world is falling apart
so imagine if paul would be writing this
letter to us
imagine jesus christ
writing a letter for us
to be encouraged especially in times
like this ladies and gentlemen right now
we are living in history
you know this is history in the making
and
someday
if we get
to another 100 years
well not us not me you know i'm already
62. so what do i get another 20 maybe
maybe 10
but
my legacy the legacy that the christian
church is going to leave behind
is
hopefully that this church will leave a
legacy
of love kindness encouragement unto
others
this is
this is paul
we're going to be in philippians chapter
2.
last week i believe john paul did
chapter 1
and in chapter 2
paul is writing
a thank you letter to believers of
philippi for their help in the in the
hour of need this is paul he's he's
always trying to provide for others man
to encourage others
and they are
you know he went on a missionary trip
and opened up churches and now the
churches are growing they're providing

for themselves they're also providing
for one another what the need is need
he's always directing them send this to
jerusalem send this to philippi
and paul
he writes him a letter to the to the
philippi
to thank them
so he also takes this opportunity
to send them some instructions on
christian unity
see there was the vision there were
people coming in in the church every
church
we're not it's not perfect
i mean there's divisions there's trials
there's problems
but here's paul trying to keep him to
bring him one into one accord trying to
bring him all into one accord
and when i was reading this i said man
there's a lot of times that i fail
when there's trials in my own personal
life when there's problems i freaked out
sometimes i i don't know how to deal
with it
you know and and i and i have to step
back and i there's times where i
personally want to go off on the person
or whoever i'm dealing with
you know
but i i remind myself i'm a christian
god is listening to me he walks with me
although sometimes i
word slip
they do man
and there's time and
there's times where there's hate in my
heart
sometimes there's anger in my heart but
sometimes it's righteous
because of the things that they're doing
to christianity to the body of christ
but sometimes it's just the flesh
sometimes i can deal with the
problem and here's paul in prison
and there's a problem in philippi

and and he's directing them
just like in the book of acts like in
chapter 23
he is he's getting arrested
in front of the in the temple
the con soldiers the commander they have
him
there well before they had him that the
pharisees and the seducees had him
and
and they were going to kill them they
were going to take him apart and the
soldiers the commanders see
all the confusion that is happening all
the trials and
he goes in with his soldiers and take
paul
and they take him in custody so to
protect him
and then
they are planning to kill them they're
planning a plot to kill them and his
nephew hears that
from the seduces and the pharisees but i
was tripping out because paul
during that
that time
he sees the pharisees and the citizens
coming together to attack him and he
uses their
their beliefs their religion
to confuse him to fall apart
and then
when they take him
his nephew hears that they planning to
to kill them the next day
and paul
and during that time jesus
had told paul hey i'm with you don't
worry you're going to rome
and if god gives us those promises the
same hope to us
you know when we're in trouble when
we're in the trial when there's a
dilemma going on in our own personal
life
instead of freaking out instead of going

crazy
paul uses god's wisdom
god's discernment
god's love
his peace and he meditates and he's
and he directs
he sent a message to the commander
hey they're planning to kill me
so they take him out and they transfer
him
but now in philippi in the philippians
in the book of philippians the same
thing is happening
not his life is not being threatened
because he's already in prison
but he sees that the churches
are having problems
just like us
we have problems every day
we deal with situations but how do we
deal with the trials
and here's an example
in the book of philippians an example
that paul gives us in chapter 2 it says
therefore
and in chapter 2 in the first verse
if every time there's a therefore
he's trying to give us an application of
an explanation that just happened a few
verses before so we'll go to chapter one
and and see verse 27
to understand what he's talking about in
verse 27 he says only let your conduct
be worthy
of the gospel of christ so that whether
i come and see you or am absent i may
hear of your affairs that you stand fast
in our in one spirit with one mind
striving together
for the faith of the gospel
striving together you know that right
now
there's a division
in the church
among the christians
in the world
in the states in the united states

we are divided as americans
we are divided
as christians we are divided because we
i don't want to get political because
you voted
yes or because you voted no or because
you voted for this person or for that
person
who i don't care
who's president
let me rephrase that
i do care
but he doesn't ruin my life
god
god rules my life
he says he promised me that he walks
with me
he is besides me that he
makes his home my heart
i know who rules my life i know that
you know what they could kill this body
but the spirit my soul
they cannot destroy it
it's protected by god
when he died on the cross
that's it he elected him i'm locked in
i'm like then
verse 26 28 and it continues in chapter
one and not in any way
terrified by your adversaries which is
to them a proof of perdition but to you
of salvation
and that from god
for to you it has been granted on behalf
of christ not only to believe in him but
also to suffer for his sake
ladies and gentlemen
i hope that we
when we suffer for god's sake
that we put on christ
that we
be reminded of the scriptures
when we suffer for our own
stupidities is different
there are consequences
gastro loves us
we are still safe we're not going to

lose your salvation but there are
consequences
verse 30 having the same conflict with
you saw in me and now here is in me
chapter two therefore because of all
this conflict that is happening because
of all this
confusion division that is going on
and remember
paul here is writing to us to
christians because in chapter one in
verse one it says paul and timothy bond
servants of jesus christ to all the
saints in christ jesus who are in
philippi with the bishops and deacons
so this
you guys are all the same
christians and if you're not a christian
i hope that by the end
of the study you will become one
back to chapter two
therefore if there is any consolation in
christ if any comfort of love if any
fellowship of the spirit if any
affection and mercy fulfill my joy by
being like-minded
having the same love
being
of one accord
of one mind
being of one accord and what mind who's
mine
christ jesus
and verse three let nothing be done
to selfish ambitions or conceit
but in loneliness of mine let each
esteem loneliness and mind let esteem
others better than himself
let each of you look out for only for
his own interest but also for the
entrance of others
so as paul is writing
he's giving us his instructions of unity
how the church supposed to be united
in prayer
especially in prayer
ladies and gentlemen right now we need

your prayers we need each other's
prayers more than we need our next
breath of fresh air
our own family members are being
confused by the world
our children
are being taken away by the world
because
the material things of the world are
getting the best of them
and all
you know that's why we have to be
grounded
that's why we have to be embraced by the
word of god we have to embrace the word
of god like if it's
better more
than food that we need every day we need
this more than their food
paul is telling them if you put christ
first as a as a role model the unity of
humility and services we will enjoy
oneness in the body of christ whatever
was happening whatever was dividing the
philippians
at church he doesn't put us he doesn't
let us know but we do know that there
were false teachers coming into the
churches also
because remember back then christianity
the movement of christianity was just
beginning and
they remember they have like a lot of us
we come from a catholic religion
and we they engrave those
that religion
in us
those doctrines
and they were they back in those days
they have the law law
the messiah law
and you had they were telling them yeah
you guys could be christians but you
have to be circumcised and you have to
be do doing these rituals
and
so

they're saying so we still have to work
no we are saved by grace
so there was double trouble
false teachers were coming in
and the unity of christ
the unity of the church was being
divided
look what was happening go to go with me
to philippians chapter 3 verse 1 to 3.
the next chapter
paul says finally my brethren rejoice in
the lord for for me to write the same
things to you is not tedious but for you
it is safe beware of dogs beware of evil
workers beware of the multi
multilations for we are
the circumcision of worship god in
spirit rejoice in christ jesus and have
no confidence in the flesh see i don't
have no confidence in the flesh this
flesh is
this flesh will
will go off
go to chapter 4 the next chapter verse 1
to 3
he continues therefore my beloved and
long
for brethren my joy and my crown so
stand fast in the lord beloved
and this is imagine jesus christ telling
you
here's paul being inspired by the word
of god by god himself by jesus christ
telling us these words
this is beautiful i don't know how you
guys read it but it says therefore my
beloved and long
for brethren my joy and crown we are his
joy we are his crown
so stand fast in the lord beloved verse
two i implore elders and implore cynthia
santisha or matisse
to be of the same mind in the lord and i
urge you also true companions help this
woman who
with labor with me in the gospel with
clement also and the rest of my fellow

workers whose names are in the book of
light
wow
i'm i'm
i'm glad that i'm a fellow worker of
paul
we are fellow workers
and our names are in the book of life
ladies and gentlemen
make sure that your name is in the book
of life
you know yesterday we we did a memorial
for one of our ushers our greeters
she was here a few weeks ago
a month ago
and all of a sudden she's not here she's
in the presence of god oh i we missed
her
we miss her because i mean every time we
need it there was a memorial and we
called hey can you watch her can you
breathe she was here
she
had her name written in the book of life
that
you know i i
it's not
you know that i like doing memorials i
don't man because
i
i'd rather do a a wedding
i'd rather do a baptism
but
this is reality
in chapter 2 in verse 2
paul is saying fulfill my joy by being
like-minded having the same love being
of one accord
of one mind let nothing be done through
selfish ambitions of conceit but in
loveliness of mind let each esteem each
other better than himself
paul receives news
that there's a division
paul knows that there is a difference
between unity and uniformity
uniformity

is a tradition
it's a religion do this
and you're gonna so you could
receive this
you have to get circumcised you have to
go and give your sacrifice
you have to do this you have to do this
that's uniformity you have to wear a
tuxedo that's uniformity you have to
wear a white shirt with a towel
unity
unity in christ
a spiritual
to bring a spiritual unity has to come
from within the church
uniformity comes from outside the church
but unity comes from
the church because the church is christ
and he is the one that unites us
paul is writing to us christians since
we are in christ we need to encourage
one another in love
and fellowship in the spirit
let's encourage each other
in unity love
not cussing causing division i don't
want to cause division
we
are the body of christ
and look at the benefits that we have
in verse 4 verse 5 let this mind be in
you which was also in christ jesus
who being in the form of god did not
consider it robbery to be equal with god
but made himself of no
reputation
taking the form of a bond servant and
coming into the likeness of man
god the father
jesus christ son of god
holy spirit the greatest example jesus
christ ever had given us
imagine
jesus christ in heaven
the reputation that he had in heaven
and leaving that reputation up there and
coming

down to this earth for you
and for me
christ died on the cross for your sins
for my sins
let's say you have a nice home
here in montebello or wherever you live
i mean beautiful home
and all of a sudden
you have to move
to skid row
in the middle of skid row
how many of you guys
been to downtown lately
have you been through
skid row
it's sad
it's sad
it's because it's ugly it's
imagine a person that lives in beverly
hills or thousand oaks
given everything to come to live
and skid row or is still late not that
easterla is better right i mean hey
it's nice man but
i mean but to give their own
to give
to live
his kingdom
to and come to this earth
to deal with disease
to deal with demon possessed people
to deal with their own with his own
disciples
they wanted
they were causing division among
themselves and he was always bringing
them together hey there can be no
division among you guys
there has to be unity
just like in our lives there has to be
unity just like in our own personal
lives at home or at work where you deal
with trials with problems
some of you guys are
that's all we do deal with problems at
work
how do we do it

how do you do it how do you do it when
you have a problem at work at home
he's going to give us the answer this is
why it is so awesome this book this
first 15 17 verses it gives you
all the answers
i don't have to study it i don't have to
look into
other references
i do
but he he gives him to us
in verse 7
he says but made himself on no
reputation taking the form of a bond
servant and coming in the likeness of
man
when he came down to this earth
he remember he was the creator of this
earth
he came to serve and to die for our sins
in verse 8 it says and being found in
appearances
as a man he humbled himself and became
obedient to the point of death even to
the death of the cross
so here's paul giving us an example of
jesus christ
how jesus christ
came into this world and what he did so
that we could follow that example
man but it's hard sometimes
it's not that easy
it's not that easy there's there's
people that know
how to
touch your
weak points
you know there's people that
they know you better
i mean my wife knows me better
if
if you will ask
if you want to know how i'm doing ask my
wife
if you want to know
if i want to know how you doing i'm
going to ask your children or your wife

because every time i ask you you will
say oh i'm doing great i'm doing fine
you know
but here is
here is paul
encouraging
others encouraging
the church of christ
here is paul and here is jesus christ
because jesus christ spoke through paul
so that he could speak to us
the same way that god speaks through the
pastor our pastor so that he could speak
to us
in verse 9 it says therefore
this is the application
his exaltation
therefore
god also has highly exalted him and
given him the name which is above every
name
this is the god that we serve
because of his voluntary humility and
suffering in the fulfilling of his
father's purpose he highly exalted him
as the son of man
as the son of eternal son of god
so ladies and gentlemen
we
we don't just come here to read
about a person
about history
we're coming here to read and to know
about god
the god that created that body that
you're carrying that you're walking
around with those legs those arms
he created
every single little bit of your body
every part of your body
even science right now are trying to
create for so many years they could
never
they can never do god
in verse 10 it says
that at the name of jesus
every knee should bow

of those in heaven and those on earth
and those under the earth
can you understand
and gentlemen everything that's going on
in this world
all of us
are going to bow be
before the lord
all of them
even those who do not believe
going to fall to their knees
one day
one day
this is for us
to continue our walk in christ as we are
going through this trials
are as as we are going through all this
craziness
you know
it's crazy
did you guys how many of you guys
you know my son was telling me
dad you know i'm working
saturday sundays and he works at a
hospital
some knucklehead went up to the seventh
floor
and poured gas
in the hospital he went inside with a
gas tank
and poured gas and lit it on fire
on 9 11 saturday did anybody hear that
no
see how they covered the news
and my son works there that's how i know
and he goes
you know
because i was supposed to see him this
saturday so he goes i probably won't see
you dad i said okay don't worry
you work you you know you take care of
your business
but see
when he calls me i know
that he needs encouragement
i know that he feels tired he has his
family

i know that
he calls me
not because i'm superior than him but
because i remind him
of the word of god
i remind him that god loves him
i remind him that god is in control
you know i could say well you know what
get another job
no
you know what you have to keep going
in verse 10 at the name of jesus every
knee will follow
verse 11
in that every tongue thought should
confess that jesus christ is lord
to the glory of god the father
paul is telling us to walk worthy of the
lord
psalms we just read psalms
119
right
psalm 119
and i read it again because i love this
song i love psalms to me in the morning
psalms are the best
33
psalms teach me o lord the way of your
statutes and i shall keep it to the end
give me understanding and i shall keep
your law
indeed i shall observe it with my whole
heart verse 35 of of psalms 119 says
make me walk in the paths of your
commandments for i delight in it incline
my heart to your testimonies
and not to covetousness
there's a lot of things out there in the
world that you know try to get our
attentions
verse 37 says turn away my eyes from
looking at worthless things and revive
me in your way
would you like to be revived
in the ways of jesus christ
i hope that you do
i and i hope that this is why you come

to the church
to be revived by the word of god
to be instructed to be equipped to be
prepared
by the word of god
i want the word of god
to be my ruler
in verse 12 they said therefore now
comes the application
of all this explanation of all these
things that the people are going here
he's telling us
how
we should behave
verse 12 says therefore my beloved
as you have always obeyed not as in my
presence only but now much more in my
absence work
work out your own salvation with fear
and trembling
for it is god who works in you both to
will and to do for his good pleasure you
know a lot of people ask me questions
about verse 12 how can i work
for my salvation
i tell no look read verse 13.
for it is god who works in you
both to will and to do for his work
for his good pleasure
ladies and gentlemen
solution
it is god who is working in us god wants
to do the work in you
we just have to humble ourselves
paul has given us in the sample of jesus
christ humility an example of jesus
christ how he
left his
kingdom to come to this earth
to be examples
paul is telling us to walk worthy of the
lord
paul has just presented us jesus christ
as a great example
we
just read all the examples of humility
submissive mind

and we agree i agree with paul
but how can i practice
how can i achieve this what jesus christ
wanted me to achieve
because every time i try to do every
time i try to humble myself
guess what i become prideful
and sometimes
it seems impossible even to try
how can i achieve this
paul is saying that paul is saying in
verse 13
he's telling us it is really not that
difficult
paul is not rising the standards
paul is not rising the bars so that we
could
be up there
paul is setting a divine pattern
for a submissive mind and a divine power
so that we can accomplish what god has
commanded in verse 13 he says for god
for it is god who works in you both to
will and to do for his good pleasure
walk
worthy of the lord someone said in the
crowd
it's not company
one good companion
is good enough
sometimes we don't need a large crowd a
company to do good
we only need
one
and that's jesus christ
we only need his company
in us
we have a divine companion
a divine companion go with me to second
corinthians chapter six
a few verses a few patients to your left
second corinthians chapter 6
verse
16.
this is beautiful
in chapter 16 of second corinthians
chapter 6 verse 16 it says in what

agreement

has the temple of god with idols for you
are the temple of the living god as god
has said

i will dwell in them and walk among them
i will be their god and they shall be my
people

oh my god

ladies and gentlemen here is the answer
god is already living in us god is
already walking with us

why do we worry so much

you know that worrying gets you sick
how many of you guys know that
you know worries brings illnesses to
your body

yes i mean but that's

that's uh

that's not that's a nature in us to
worry you know yes we worry but
you know we come to a conclusion that
yes you know what we pray

we pray

we have a divine companion a divine
companion

this

there's times where the world will tell
us okay you know where is your god
where is my god he's walking with me
the christian is walking with god
the christian is walking with him
the almighty companion in genesis 17
verse 1

he's a pleasant companion in amos
chapter 3 verse 3.

an ever-present companion he's always
with us

and we read that in psalms 16
119.

and in psalms 116 also

he's a close companion we read in
2nd corinthians chapter 6

he's a faithful companion

hebrews 11 verse 5

he's a comforting companion where do you
go for comfort

i hope you go to your

to your bible
i love
psalms
for comfort
i
here i grab it and sometimes i sleep
with it
you know booze we
cannot comfort you they'll numb me
they'll numb you for a while
but then the trial the problem is still
there when you wake up the next day
in psalms 23
before we close let me let let's go to
psalms 23.
most of all of us
know this song very well
in psalms 23 it says in verse
and verse 4
psalms 23
yo
yeah though i walk through the valleys
of the shadows of death i will fear no
evil for you are with me your rod and
your staff they come for me
what a beautiful provision
he's providing
everything
he is
a comforter that
he explained he's a companion that will
always be with us
amen
let's pray
let's pray
heavenly father god in jesus most
precious name we come before your throne
of mercy this evening to thank you
father god thank you for your grace
thank you for your mercy thank you for
allowing us to
to get together and be reminded of those
promises that we have in you
thank you lord
father in the name of our son jesus of
your son jesus christ of nazareth we
pray that

you will come before
before us
and just shower us with your mercy and
and i pray that all of us will be
encouraged by your words lord
your testimonies
are beautiful lord
you left
your testimony your word in our hearts
lord
so father we come before you
and we ask
for more of you in our lives and rest of
yours
and father i pray for anybody that has
never received you as his own personal
savior that had never opened your heart
his heart to you
if there is anybody out there that wants
to
accept jesus christ in your heart
raise your hand and i will say a prayer
and repeat this prayer after me if
there's anybody
out there that has never received jesus
christ
praise the lord
everybody here is a christian praise god
see this letter was for us
this letter is for us
father be with all of us
shower us with your presence father god
be with our families
be with our
those families all of us who are ill
help us father god
and we prayed in the name of your son
jesus christ of nazareth for more of
your miracles in our lives may you use
us tremendously father god too
to witness to others to encourage others
and to continue looking at you
regardless of what's going on on this
world
you are our king our lord our god
you are our father lord
we are not orphans for you are with us

you walk with us
you talk with us and you live in our
hearts you have made your temple our
hearts
thank you
we love you and we praise you and we
love your son jesus christ and in his
most precious name we pray and everybody
said amen god bless you guys have a good
night