



**KIDDING AROUND:
HOLY FUNNY, NOT WHOLLY FUNNY**

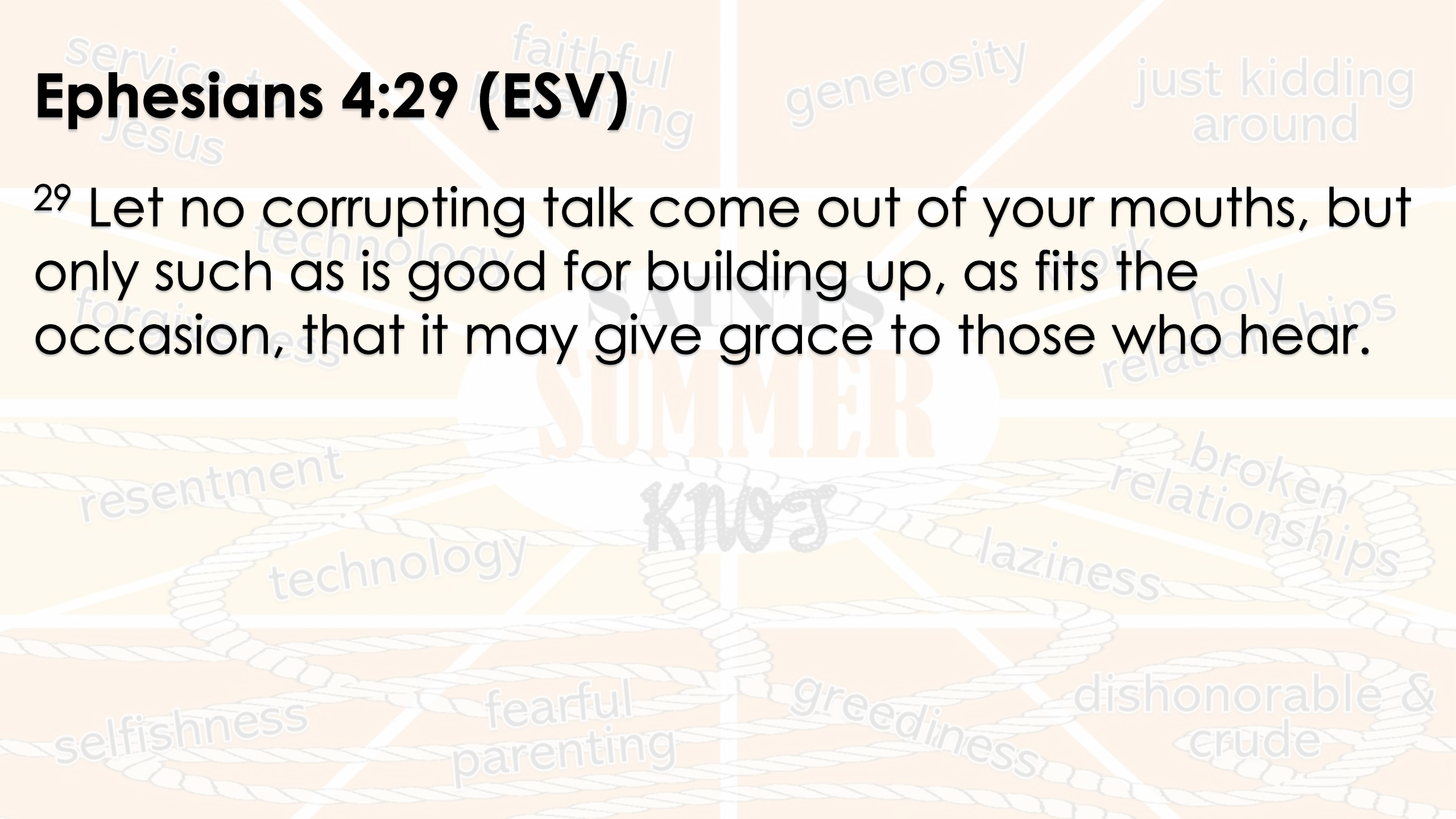
EPHESIANS 4:29

Ephesians 4:29 (ESV)

²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

SUMMER

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1. God has a sense of humor, and He created laughter for good.

- A. Humor can be very good. God created it and even talks about it in the Bible. (Proverbs 17:22)
- B. Paul, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, used humor and sarcasm in his N.T. letters. (Gal. 4:19 & Gal. 5;11-12)

2. As in all things, we must be holy in our humor.

A. Being funny isn't an excuse for being crass or offensive. (Eph. 5:1-5)

B. "...whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."
(1 Cor. 10:31)

3. Holy humor can be a blessing to our bodies and souls, but only at the appropriate time and place.

- A. Medical studies agree with the Bible. Laughing can make us healthier. (Prov. 17:22)
- B. We often misuse humor by using it as a masque or to avoid dealing with our real issues.
- C. Once a joke is told, there's no untelling it.
- D. Our humor doesn't have to be explicitly Christian to be acceptable, but it does need to be positive and not crass.
- E. Godly laughter accompanies the hope of Jesus' goodness and the joy of His presence. (Psalm 126:2-3)