



LIVING THE CROSS—PART 1

PARTICIPATING IN CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS

I WANT TO KNOW CHRIST

PHILIPPIANS 3:10-11

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

COLOSSIANS 2:1-3

I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. ² **My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know** the mystery of God, namely, **Christ**, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

If you want to know Christ, YOU CAN. KNOWING Him is not complicated. It's the WANTING Him that's hard.

During Lent, may we make this desire our own: I want to know Christ.

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EXPERIENCE HIS POWER

EPHESIANS 1:17-21

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened **in order that you may know** the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and **his incomparably great power for us who believe.**

That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,

²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

God's life-giving, character transforming, and mission enabling POWER is available to us. Are we interested?

SHARE IN HIS SUFFERINGS

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PHILIPPIANS 1:12-14

Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that **what has happened to me** has actually served to advance the gospel.

¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that **I am in chains** for Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

Suffering can be a pathway to deeper fellowship with Jesus.