

comfort those who
mourn.

Jesus fill us with the
Spirit now, so we might
experience the reality
of what you promise.
Give us a taste of your
future, a taste of your
love, a taste of life
shared with you for
eternity.

Today, invite Jesus to
do the impossible.

Invite Jesus into your
hearts that you know
the reality of his
presence, that you
experience the reality
of his love and
forgiveness.

Jesus, come. Come into
our hearts and fill us
today with the joy of
life. Jesus come and fill
us with your assurance
of new life, that we
trust you for the
impossible. We trust
you to raise Phil to life
with you in your loving
embrace. Today invite
Jesus to do the
impossible for you and
change your future
from a dead end into
life; life live to the full

with Jesus, and with
Phil.

I'm looking forward
expectantly seeing
Jesus doing the
impossible;
Resurrection is his
answer to sin, death
and the devil. What a
future we have in
Jesus.

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Jesus' disciples multiplying disciples

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(Video on Peter
encountering the RISEN
Jesus. [https://
youtu.be/gxf2GS1K4kE](https://youtu.be/gxf2GS1K4kE)
*"He'd done the
impossible – RISEN"*)

Today I'm hoping, what
for me is impossible,
but did you just hear,
Jesus has done the
impossible. Jesus is
risen!

To me there is only one
response to death that
I'm looking for, and
that is resurrection. I
want Philip alive. I'm
sure I'm not the only
one. But for me that is
impossible.

So I've got Good News
for you today; Jesus
has done the
impossible. Jesus is
alive. Jesus is alive and
well, seeking to
embrace us in a
relationship of love and

affection in a
conversational
atmosphere where we,
in his power and
authority, quite
naturally live out his
supernatural love.

If Jesus hadn't been
born, lived on this
earth, died on the cross
and then rose again, all
this would be just
another way of
avoiding the reality
that Phil is dead.

But Jesus was born. We
celebrate that
wonderful birth every
Christmas. Jesus, born
one with us. Born, flesh
and blood, just like
you. Jesus born, calling
himself your brother.

If Jesus is my brother,
then what would that
make his Dad to me?
My Dad. At my baptism
I was united with Jesus,

so the words the
Heavenly Father spoke
over Jesus he spoke
over me, and over Phil
at his baptism. Our
heavenly Dad declared;
Philip, you're my son,
whom I love, in you I
delight.

Jesus shared our life in
all its ups and downs.
He faced the death of
his friend Lazarus.
Jesus shared our life
and faced conflict to
the point of being killed
because he chose to be
known as your loving
brother.

Jesus was nailed to the
cross rather than deny
his love for you. Rather
than deny his brothers
and sisters. There is
nothing that can cause
Jesus to deny his love
for you. So he was
crucified for being the
friend of sinners.

Jesus gave his life trusting his Father would raise him to new life.

Isn't that a risk. Who would you trust with your life?

If someone said; 'You're going to be executed for being my friend, but trust me, everything will be Ok, I'll raise you to life on the third day.'

If someone said that to me I'd be a bit sceptical. That's a huge risk. Yet that's what Philip has done.

Jesus said; 'Phil, trust me, walk with me, talk with me, die with me, and I'll raise you to new life; sometime in the future. Just trust me.'

And Philip's life was a continual; 'Yes Jesus, I trust you'.

The Phil Hammond I knew walked and talked with Jesus through his life. He knew Jesus love for him and sought to live that love out.

Was Phil perfect in living out that love? Of course not, no-one is perfect. Good New,

Who would you trust with your life?

God isn't after perfection. God, our Heavenly Father is after trust. He's after us being open and honest with him because we trust him with our lives. Jesus has come that we might be authentic, that we might live in intimacy with God.

Phil risked trusting Jesus; trusting his forgiveness, trusting his love, trusting his promise of resurrection. Phil has

risked everything trusting Jesus.

Phil risked trusting Jesus for he had come to know Jesus. Come to know Jesus' love for him. Phil has come to know Jesus and knew he could risk his life with the one who had died that Phil might live. Live life in the fullness of God's loving presence.

God really does what us to experience life in all it's fullness. That's what he's risked his life for. Jesus risked his life, being executed because of his love and commitment to you. Jesus risked his life without any guarantee anyone would believe him. But his love for us, for you, lead Jesus to risk it all, that you might have life; life rich and abundant, life as God the Father's child, chosen and marked by his love, the delight of his life.

Jesus has risked his life that you might have life; life lived to the full. Starting now. Living now knowing Jesus love, looking forward to a rich and abundant life, way beyond our wildest dreams when Jesus returns.

If Jesus has given his life to make this a reality, he's not going to change his mind. He's not going to desert you; he's going to deliver what he promised. You can risk your life on it.

That's Phil's anchor, and his anchor hasn't shifted. It holds firm today. Death hasn't changed Jesus promise. Jesus will raise Phil to new life sometime in the future, a rich and abundant life in God the Father's loving embrace.

Good New, death doesn't win. In Jesus death can't rob us of

Phil, for he is there waiting for us, waiting with Jesus for that wonderful day of resurrection where we are reunited together in the fullness of God's love.

You can be sure Jesus isn't letting go of Phil. I know Phil doesn't want

Jesus isn't letting go of Phil.

Jesus to let go of him. Death has brought them closer, for in Jesus death becomes a doorway into a closer intimacy of life with God. Jesus wins; in him life wins. In Jesus Phil wins and is ushered into this wonderful new life as God his Dad declares; 'Well done Phil. Well done son, you are a good and faithful son, I love you.'

As I started out; today I'm hoping for the

impossible, I'm looking forward to Phil being raised; raised to a wonderful new life. And I know Jesus will do the impossible. Jesus today holds Phil in his hands. Jesus will raise Phil to new life, this is not the end, for Jesus refuses to abandon those he loves.

I'm looking forward expectantly to see the impossible happen. I know Jesus doesn't lie. I know Jesus doesn't break his word. Jesus has invested his life in this new life, you can be 100% sure he won't change his mind. You can anchor your life on Jesus.

So today I invite you to let Jesus into your hearts. Jesus come and give us a taste of the new life you promise. Jesus come and let us experience your love now; heal our hurts,