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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

Hosea 6:3 Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge Him. As surely as the sun rises, He will appear; He will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.

The prophet Hosea is encouraging his people to draw closer to the LORD by getting to know Him better and better. The best way you can get to know someone is to spend time with them. I believe many people don't really know the LORD because they don't spend any time with Him. He desires for us to be in His presence. He wants to have fellowship with His children. He has so much love to give.

And then Hosea says to not only get to know Him, but also to press on to knowing Him more. The fact is that getting to know the LORD is always going to be better than not knowing Him. He wants to pour out His blessings upon you. He desires to give you wisdom and understanding. He wants to spend time with you.

I wonder how many people could be affected by just putting in a little effort. Paul puts it this way in **Phil. 3:14, *I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*** The Hebrew phrase *to press on* is *nirdefah* which means to chase after, pursue, to follow closely. The closer we get to the LORD, the more He will bring refreshing in our lives just as the spring rains that water the earth. He is awesome like that!

Dear LORD, draw us closer to You today. Help us not to turn to the things of this world that will always disappoint, but instead, to walk closer to You. Give us the tenacity to press on and not give up. In Jesus Name, Amen.