

THE LIFESTYLE OF HOPE



ROMANS 15:1-4

**I. Everything written
before, was for our learning
so we can have hope (v.4).**



- **What lessons have we usually taught from
Romans 15:4?**
- **Why is context so important to the study of
scripture?**

II. The context of verse 4 begins with helping the weak (**Romans 15:1**).



- Since the paragraph begins with helping the weak, what can we learn from the past?
- How can early writings show us not to please ourselves?

III. The context of verse 4 continues with us blessing our neighbors (15:2).



- **How does this assignment apply to what was written before?**
- **How are we allowing the whole of scripture to move us to love our neighbors?**

IV. The context of verse 4 calls us to the humble behavior of Christ (15:3).



- **By the time of Romans, what have Mark and possibly Matthew already done?**
- **So, what is the central reason for us to learn from the word of God?**
- **What is the difference between 'learning to know' and 'learning to become'?**

V. If we live this lifestyle of Christ, then we have hope (Romans 15:1-4).



- **What is the “for” there for?**
- **In context, what lessons were previous scriptures supposed to teach us?**
- **What prayer and request follow these verses? (v.5-7)**

Call to Action: To learn the word of God so that we can live and be like Christ.



- **Why is it so important for us to read scripture in context?**
- **How are we allowing the word of God to motivate us to help the weak?**
- **What is our reputation for loving our neighbors?**
- **How are we allowing God's word to transform us into His nature?**
- **How are you allowing God's word to move you toward right living, not just right answers?**

-How can we help you?