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Finding Fearlessness and Bliss in the Rare Opportunity of Devotional Service

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- This moments of the family of vaishnavas are coming together are really pleasure. Padam padam yat vipadam - sometimes we take granted the opportunity we have, but the reality is there is always danger at every step even if you are not walking there is danger in waking even if we dont stand there is every danger in every step of walking and in every step there is danger.
- Death, separation, challenges truly beyond our control they can come at any time. Just we could come today so many devotees that to hear the message of bhagavatam and pray and meditate and chant thats very rare.
- Govinda das is the associate of narottam das thakur and srinivas thakur - bhajau re mana sri nandana - plz take shelter and worship nandanandan because only in this shelter of lord one can able to live without fear.
- In every moment there is fear thats material life and when we take shelter of krishna then we become fearless and we need that supreme power, supreme love of infallible krishna.
- When indra sents torrents of rain to vrindavan, brajvasis was very much helpless and when they taken shelter fo krishna, krishna took giriraj govardhan and given shelter to vrajavasis.
- * Material nature is very difficult when we see around us, we shouldn't think that just by we became devotees, doesnt mean material nature will become nice, will change, taking shelter of krishna we find joy and happiness and in the path of bhakti, it is not the result of mechanical process and it is the mercy of the lord we experience joy and happiness.

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- Durlabham manushyam janmam – this human life is very rare and most precious of all opportunities and the greatest wealth we have is in the association of devotees. LCM said, prime benediction for all humanity is sankirtanam, prem sankirtanam – to come together by hearing and chant the glories of Lord.
- When we come together in these satsang, not that we get recognition, not that this is sunday morning, but we come together in temple in this satsang to hear the glories of the lord in the association of devotees in the presence of beautiful darshan of radha gopinath in the month of karthik. This moment is so precious
- To value this, is to actually open our hearts to receive the incredible blessings that we have been given to us.
- Millions and billions of people they go to the stadiums, entertainment and political gatherings, etc but its very rare and few of us compared to the population in this creation, we come together to hear the Bhagavatam but not just hearing but to hear from LCM parampara and to hear from those who are the followers of sukhdev goswami and to share the Bhagavatam who is the empowered devotees and thats very rare and special mercy.
- These bhagavatam is itself spoken in such a settings in order to receive the mercy and parikhshit maharaj has 7 days to live, he didnt came to class, he gave up the family, kingdom, etc and gave up everything to take shelter of one single thing that he will get the blessings and he went to the holy place of banks of ganges, various vaishnavas and amazing devotees are there with parikshit maharaj. Not only to chant the glories together but also to help him to perfect his life.

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- Why so many devotees are concerned about one person? Not because he was king but he was the soul who took shelter sincerely unto sukhdev goswami.
- Parikshit maharaj was very grateful of every syllable sukhdev goswami spoken and parikshit maharaj has so less time to live and he cannot get back that time. SP says, how valuable time is, if we waste your time whatever intelligence, wealth, nothing can bring the time back to the moment. Also, there is no use of lamenting of the past moments. Infact in a moment, a present becomes past and what really is we have is the present moment
- As soon as we say present moment, that present moment become past. And we always living in a future moment and present moment is always becoming the past and this is what krishna made the creation and there is no benefit of lamenting of past. And prepare ourself so that we can able to equipped well to take shelter of krishna in present and for the future.
- Parikshit maharaj had only 7 days. And actual verse we are reading from Bhagavatam, parikshit maharaj was hearing and we were with parikshit maharaj and all acharyas at the mother ganges.
- How precious moment parikshit maharaj has when he hears the bhagavatam and now we are hearing the same words of sukhdev goswami, maitreya, vidura, etc.

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- In BG, krishna arranged arjuna to be in the greatest dilemma of his whole life, and pandavas and arjuna faced many difficulties and dilemma in their life such as blassphemed, difficulties, poverty, etc. but the culmination of all of them when arjuna seen the relatives in other side of the battlefields to kill them and even if some of the relatives was tortured arjuna still arjuna was in the point to forgive them and he didnt wanted their wife to get mourning because of their husband will die and this was very difficult and being a compassionate for a arjuna becoomes very difficult to do something which is not in his heart to do. And more he tried and more he becomes perplexed and he could not grasp. Karpanya... he took shelter of krishna.
- BG spoken when everything arranged to teach us, that lord within our heart who is our ever wellwishing friend, and he never leaves us. Due to our karmic activities, if we take birth as plants, snakes, birds, or to be the worst envious enemies, or heavenly planets lives in devatas, and when we become pride, we become insect in material world and any bird can eat that insect, still that paramtma as our best friend resides in our hearts, ishvara sarva bhutanama - krishna is so personal and each paramatma as personal relationship with every soul and that every paramtma is special. We may have own god brother, god sister, mother father, parents but its our paramtma, will never leaves us, resides us within us, in all species of lives and he is so patient and he keeps waiting for us.
- SP quotes soul is like a fruit enjoying on the tree and other soul is watching and waiting come to me, when will you come to me.just like krishna was waiting for arjuna.

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- Guru guides us to the the words of scriptures as acharyas have given. This section of bhagavatam is internal specific message for you and more you take internally, the more you will grow. Lord has sets the stage to speak to you and us, and this context is incredibly important.
- Lord vishnu is laying in the ocean of devastation and no created being can survived and its so turbulent and still lord vishnu is sleeping on it peacefully.
- SP describes lot of people has insomnia, and its very hard to sleep because it is so turbulent situation still the Lord vishnu is able to sleep peacefully in that ocean and thats why we take shelter of krishna. If we cannot able to find the shelter, we should look for someone who has the shelter. Brahma, like arjuna, he was very bewildered. He performed long period of tapasya and did sadhana and Lord krishna personally revealed the knowledge to him. While brahma was praying to lord krishna, he was praying to lord vishnu more than anything he doesnot done anything that he can be proud and he is crying to lord vishnu that let me be always conscious of you and let me be remember you and not forget.
- Spiritual advancement doesn't mean external achievements we may have, we may know so much, we may influence others, this are all external influences, unless we understand that i am not the doer, krishna in BG said, i am the source of knowledge, remembrance and forgetfulness and whatever we know thats krishnas mercy and whatever we dont know thats also krishna mercy.

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- The real spirit one who is knowledge thats real vaishnava. My dear lord krishna you are the kind for the useless soul, somehow or other you brought me to the terrible place and you can do whatever you like to do by me and let me dance how you want me to dance. If puppet tries to take credit of dance then we are in such an illusion and eventually we drop to the floor. We are in krishna's hands and everyone is.
- Those who are under the maya or ignorance, they are in the strings of modes of material nature and those that material nature of krishna, making us dance and those who are in hands of krishna, we think that we are in the hands of krishna practicng bhakti to the extent we are following the instructions of krishna and guru and the service of prabhupada then we are in the krishna's hands when we sincerely chant - trinad api sunicena, we should chant the holy name of lord like humble than grass and tolerance than tree and not expecting anything from others and in this way we can able to experience the krishna in the holy names.
- Lord is in the name of him, but krishna is in our hearts and others too but we dont have the power to recognize, and when we cannot recognize krishna then krishna will hardly reveals to us. Krishna will reveal to us only when we take shelter of krishna like brahmaji and he knows that no one can able to do what brahmaji is able to do.
- When garbodakshya vishnu if he says to you that you are the depth of the garbaodsha ocean, because he iis the depth of garbodarksha ocean.

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- SP said in the purport (3.9.29) - Any person authorized by either the Lord or by His bona fide representative is already blessed, as is the work entrusted to him. Of course, the person entrusted with such a responsibility should always be aware of his incapability and must always look for the mercy of the Lord for the successful execution of his duty. One should not be puffed up because he is entrusted with certain executive work. Fortunate is he who is so entrusted, and if he is always fixed in the sense of being subordinate to the will of the Supreme, he is sure to come out successful in the discharge of his work.
- When we are following the principles of instructions of guru and gauranga then we are actually accepting the krishna as our puppeteer. And otherwise we are be in the maya
- SP appealed to us to always be the sincere, serious and without ulterior motives and to be following in that way we become the puppet of krishna and the servant of Lord.

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🔴 **Yesterday was the Disappearance day of Srila Narottam Das Thakur** -

- Time is so precious that very soon this class will be over and you will everyone have beautiful krishna prasad and krishna is so merciful. And previously people hear and will never forget but as kaliyuga progress, vyasadev knew that we will forget and vyasadev put the acharyas words and krishnas words in such a way that we remember in every moment.
- Parikshit maharaj left everything to hear bhagvatam and great devotees gone to hear from the sages and hrishis to hear bhagavatam from the great devotees.
- Krishna is giving us an opportunity to hear the transcendental sound vibrations through computer, mobile, etc so many opportunities and it's not so much an excuse to hear the sound vibrations and meditate on the holy name of lord in our mind too.

Love in the spiritual world in Goloka vrindavan even krishna wants to experience and understand. And wanted to experience the taste of happiness of what radharani experiences when she experience the taste of Krishna.Radharani is supreme compassion to all living beings. Just the time LCM was ending is final pastimes, that time, narottam das thakur born in the royal family in kheturi gram in bangladesh under the rule of zameendaar known as raj krishnaanand dutt.

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- NDT was so much learned and scholar and there is elder devotee known as krishna das, he lived in kheturi and had a loving association of LCM and he loves to share the pastimes to the loving devotees, and NDT was running to hear and very eager to hear about him and krishna das was very eager to hear, not only hearing the pastimes of LCM but NDT was very eager to hear the devotional qualities of His devotees too.
- When NDT was hearing the pastimes of devotee of His devotees – srinivas acharya, when srinivas acharya will become my friend? How NDTs whole life is defined just by hearing how he developed the love towards the Lord and His devotees, we also getting the same blessings when we hear the bhagvatam and glories of devotees and Lord. NDT was so grateful that he got this opportunity to associate with His devotees.

First nityananda appears to NDT in the dreams and spoke to NDT comes to padma river to receive the blessings of LCM and river overflooded immediately and LCM came out of the river and embraced NDT and awarded ecstatic love and weeping for the love of LCM and his dark complexion becomes golden same as LCM. and one night he appeared in the dreams and LCM told NDT to go to vrindavan and you should become the disciple of loknath goswami and NDT somehow or other escaped from the jungles to all the way of vrindavan. NDT has the sincere love in his eyes he spoke the guards that he is feeling the separation from the Lord of the heart in vrindavan. And i given the heart to krishna, i must go to vrindavan. And guards so much transformed that they just not let him go but they give money in the journey to reach vrindavan dham.

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- LCM appeared in the dream of loknath goswami and ordered him to give initiation and loknath goswami gave the name thakur narotam mahasaya.
- Whenever service with love is offered to our love as the center of our life, then we actually put Krishna in the center of our life, and when Krishna is in the center then our life is true harmony.
- NDT in the eternal pastimes of goloka, acharyas identifies as champaka manjari and sometimes vilasa manjari.
- In vrindavan, radha damodar mandir is the exact place where NDT was there who was taking inspiration from rupa goswami and jiva goswami and SP was left the same place to spread the word of krishna consciousness to the whole world from vrindavan to kolkata to the western world which is translated in the english language.

Jiva goswami, rupa goswami went to the borders of vrindavan and after some days, all the books were stolen, and those days, books were written in palm trees and wooden scroll, and this is the greatest disaster and they said to srinavas acharya to find those books and NDT arrived in the same place where he left in kheturi dham and NDT didnt claimed anything but he came to give the love of LCM and hearing of LCM and the wonderful teachings acharyas, santhosh dutta become the disciple of NDT and please use all these belongings to spread the message of LCM to the people and NDT did not taken anything what santhosh dutta given. But NDT said just spread the teachings of LCM wherever you go.

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- There are beautiful books like bhaktiratnakar, premvilas, thats described the pastimes of narottam das thakur. Out skirts of kheturi, there is a wealthy man who has sacred godown filled with venomous snake and in that deity form, i am waiting for you.
- NDT placed the deity of gauranga and bowed down and gazed upon a lord and offers his body and mind and soul toward Lord. Gauranga mahaprabhu gazing upon NDT as he was gazing on Gauranga mahaprabhu and heheard the beautiful kirtans and bhajans which no one heard through gauranga mahaprabhu at that moment and he was dancing and singing and captured the hearts of everyone.
- Lcm said to NDT that you should join srinivas acharya kirtan and the first gaur purnima celebration done with them.
- When NDT has the reunion with srinivas acharya during his journey to vrindvana, srinivas acharya introduces NDT to his own disciple ramkrishna kaviraj and brother govinda kaviraj
- Srinivas acharya explains that ram krishna kaviraj is very dear to me and i entrusts you to assist you and ramchandra kaviraj and naroottam das thakur became most intimate loving friends. Although ramachandra kaviraj the disciple of srinivas acharya but they became the most beloved god brothers together with narottam das thakur. All of the personal associates of LCM who are alive in the planet, hand written personal notice by Narottam das thakur. This is the personal loving way to request devotees to come. When jahnava devi received the invitation, she became so happy and excited to participate in this most amazing festival. On the gaurpurnima, srinivas acharya installed the gaurpurnima deity on that day.

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- Janava and all the acharyas requested narottam das thakur to do kirtan and jhanava gazed her eyes and infused narottam das thakur to sing kirtan with such a sweet kirtan with the deeper and deeper and deeper of love of krishna.
- Raghunandan thakur, personal assistant of LCM, glorified with so many ways. Although seniormost acharyas but he was overwhelmed by the beautiful kirtan and started worshipping each karatalas and mrdanga and putting garlands to each of the instruments and all the devotees, in harinaam sankirtan, each and everything and everyone is supremely sacred thats connected to harinaam sankirtan and kirtan was got on so much heights and narottam das thakur was infused with pure bhakti and crying for the LCM and all the associates of LCM and everyone is chanting in the total absorption, feeling separation from LCM, Nityanand prabhu, who left from this world and singing and crying in this spirit and suddenly everyone witnessed LCM appeared in the golden complexion in the long arms raise on eyes and lotus eyes with the tears of compassion and LCM was dancing along with Lord Nityananda and Srivas thakur appeared and then haridas thakur and then ramanand raya, swarup damodar goswami, murari gupta and all these devotees doing singing and dancing in kirtan as they were doing srivasangam with all the devotees. This was the crescendo where no world has ever seen filled with beautiful sound of kirtans and tears of love they were sharing with each other.

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- In this peak of happiness, lord gauranga and his associates they disappeared. Just like a flash of lightning from the blue sky appears and now they have disappeared and whatever happiness they are feeling and now they were feeling intense sadness and separation and running along to search to LCM, nityanand, gauranga, and all lost the minds and hearts and janava was in that mood and she started to pacify all of them. And called srinivas acharya that it is the time to celebrate holi. Jahnava devi sprinkled the powder of holi to mahaprabhu and nityanand prabhu deity and then shared that powder as mahaprasadam to the devotees through srinivas acharya
- This is the beautiful lessons - the way we will really feel the LCM's presence and in full happiness, LCM associates and guru and saints and when we share their mercy with one another, they are present with us.
- Krishna instructed wherever my devotees chanted my name, my glories, I am there, and in that way you are always there with me. SP personally he taught us that he will forever living and present who are striving to follow the instructions of guru and gauranga and this is the spirit of sankirtan.
- When we absorb in striving to inspire one another to remember and love krishna, Krishna is there with us.

Thank you very much
Hare Krishna