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SUNDAY SERMON NOTES

ERIC LUDY

The Almighty Attitude

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Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus . . .

Philippians 2:5 NASB

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus . . .

Philippians 2:5 KJV

The Almighty Mind

we have the mind of Christ . . .

1 Corinthians 2:16

Attitude

Phroneō - Froh-nay-oh

A mental lens through which ones sees, reasons, and decides; a perspective, a point of reason, a way of thinking.

The Almighty Glasses

Reasoning from the vantage point of the Mother Eagle

• This current pressure upon you is working great benefit into your little eaglet body

- Trials are opportunities through which God will makes us stronger
- Suffering is a means by which God both purifies us and fortifies our soul
- Affliction is the secret catalyst to work unbreakability and unbendability into the soul

An Overview of the Almighty Attitude

- To Him, the nations are as a drop in a bucket and are counted as the small dust of the balance. (Isaiah 40:12)
- He sits as King between the mighty cherubim, above all, over all, and in control of all –
 the creator of the heavens and the earth, God of all the kingdoms of this earth. (Isaiah
 37:16)
- And before Him all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and He does
 according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and
 when He heads off to war, there are none that can stay His hand, or say unto Him, What
 doest thou? (Daniel 4:35)
- Our Lord possesses all the greatness, all the power, all the glory, all the victory, and all the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is His; His is the kingdom, and He is exalted as head above all. (1st Chronicles 29:11)

The 2-Factor

- The Two Chapter Twos (Psalm 2 and Philippians 2)
- The Two Seemingly Contradictory Attitudes
- The Two Essentials to Unstoppable Living

The Two Chapter Twos

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He

that sits in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

Psalm 2:2-4

Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:3-11

The Two Seemingly Contradictory Attitudes

1. What Condescension, What Wrath, What Judgment!

An Hostility, a Derision, a Snubbing of the Almighty Nose at all things proud and debased. A Laughing at the smallness of the threat. A Mockery of the darkness and a Full Assurance in the triumph, sovereignty, and preeminence of the Light.

2. What Humility, What Love, What Grace!

A Humbling, A Bending, a Giving, a Love so great and an affection so strong that the Almighty is moved to remove His robe

of glory, enduring the afflictions of the Cross on our behalf, in order that He might save us.

God resists the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

James 4:6

The Two Essentials to Unstoppable Living

- 1. If you Know Your Almighty Position
- 2. Then you can Obey Boldly, without Fear, and nothing can stop you from fulfilling your God-given assignment

God's Thoughts

I Am that I AM

The Believer's Thoughts

He is that He is, and I am in Him, and He is in Me

The Importance of an Almighty Attitude

- If you reason small, you live small.
- If you think of God as weak, you will be intimidated by the bluff of the Enemy.
- If you don't have confidence in God's strength, then you will falter when the Enemy boasts his strength.

The Lamb and the Wolf Pack

Attitude is Everything

Spiritual Intimidation

The Results of Forgetting the Bigness of Your God

Installing Mental Hazard Signs

Beware Ever Jumping up for a Head Ball Again . . .

Beware Ever Leaving the Country Again . . .

Beware Ever Praying like that Again . . .

My Two Conversations with the Devil

- 1. Let go of this message and I will let go of you
- 2. Stop right here. We'll call it even. If you don't progress from here, I'll let you be but if you keep progressing, all Hell will break loose on your life

Fear

The Great Demonic Ploy - "Stop Right There, or Else!"

- The Noise of Sanballet
- The Noise of Sennacherib
- The Noise of the Anakim
- The Noise of Goliath
- The Noise of the Syrian Army
- The Noise at the Cross

• The Noise from Christian History

Reasoning from a Position of Strength, NOT a position of Weakness

Forging an Almighty Attitude

- Do you know the invitation?
- Do you know that the invite is for you?
- Do you know that God is not capricious?
- Do you know that if you believe, that means you are clothed . . . In Him?
- If you are "In Him," Did you know that means you have access to all that is His?
- Do you know what belongs to Him? Do you know where He dwells? Do you know where He sits?
- Do you know what His seated position means to you?

The Almighty Attitude of the Believer

• Do you know that, though you are weak, He will make you strong?

We are to be Super-conquering

We are "more than conquerors". (Romans 8:37)

Do you know that His authority, is now YOUR authority?

We are Bequeathed All-Power and Authority

we are seated, in Christ Jesus, in the heavenly position of power and authority (Ephesians 2:6)

we are given power over all the power of the enemy (Luke 10:19) to tread upon their high places (Deuteronomy 33:29)

Do you know that you are immovable and invincible?

We are Immovable and Invincible

we are able to repel all the fiery darts of the enemy
(Ephesians 6:16)

able to tread on lions, adders, serpents, scorpions, and dragons (Psalm 91; Luke 10:19)

able to drink poison and be unharmed (Mark 16:18)

A thousand shall fall at our side, and ten thousand at our right hand; but it shall not come near us. (Psalm 91: 7)

There shall not a hair of our head perish. (Luke 21:18)

Jesus gives unto us eternal life; and we shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck us out of His hand. (John 10:28) and nothing shall by any means hurt us. (Luke 10:19)

Do you know that you are to be fearless?

We are to live Fearless

The LORD is our light and our salvation; so whom shall we fear? the LORD is the strength of our life; so, of whom shall we be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)

Though a host should encamp against us, our heart shall not fear:

Though war should rise against us, we remain confident in our

God. (Psalm 27:3)

Because God will never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5)
and He ever lives to make intercession for us (Hebrews 7:25)
God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in our trouble.
Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth be removed,
and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.
(Psalm 46:1-2)

And no weapon that is formed against us shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against us in judgment God shall condemn.

(Isaiah 54:17)

• Do you know that you are unstoppable?

We are to be Unstoppable

The LORD is with us as a mighty terrible one (Jeremiah 20:11)

The gates of hell shall not prevail against us. (Matthew 16:18)

whatsoever we shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever we shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

(Matthew 16:19)

and there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few

(1 Samuel 14:6)

greater is He that is in us, than he that is in the world.

(1 John 4:4)

Since God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31)

Reasoning from this Position of Indomitable, Unstoppable, Immovable Strength and Authority

Set your Phroneō on things above, not on things on the earth.

Colossians 3:2

Put on the Almighty Glasses

Who Should be Intimidating Who?

The Book of Philippians

That you would have the same Phroneō

- Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be (of the same Phroneō), having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. ... Let this (same Phroneō) be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus . . . (Philippians 2:2, 5)
- Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, (have the same Phroneō): and if in any thing (you do not have the same Phroneō), God shall reveal even this unto you. Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us (have the same Phroneō). (Philippians 3:15-16)
- I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they (have the same Phroneō) in the Lord. (Philippians 4:2)

What is the Conclusion of Such an Almighty Attitude?

Basking in the final chapter of Philippians

- 4:1 Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.
- 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! -
- 4:5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

- 4:6,7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
- 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things.
- 4:9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.
- 4:11 . . . I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content.
- 4:12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.
- 4: 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.