## Attitude IS everything

Philippians 2:5-11

#### Philippians 2:1-3

"Attitude is everything" [agree/disagree?]

We will come back to that thought in a little bit, but first, let's read a passage about attitude...

Philippians 2:5-11 [VERSE 7] ["he took the humble position of a slave"]

# WE NEED TO LEARN TO LOOK AT LIFE: THROUGH A TLEESCOPE, not a MICROSCOPE!

A. When you look at life through a microscope, everything else is smaller than you.

YOU are the biggest object, and YOU have the illusion that you are in control.

- B. When you look at life through a telescope, you are looking at something MUCH BIGGER than you. You realize that you are small, that you are NOT in control.
- C. We need to recognize and resign to the fact that GOD is in control –

We can't even control the price of gasoline, what makes us think that we can control our lives? We can't control whether it will snow or be sunny, so why do we think we can control our future? God knows our past, our present and our future and He is in control.

D. Not only is it humbling, but it is empowering!

We have THE God of the universe on our side.

The God who keeps all things going, who is infinitely larger than we are,

And is the God who wants to be <u>our leader</u>, <u>our guide</u>, <u>our father</u> and <u>our friend</u>.

### James 4:13-17 The Message

*Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a knowing God.* - Corrie Ten Boom

\* You might not feel very loved (for whatever reason).

God loves you. You are valuable.

\* You might not feel like your life is worth a lot –

it is worth more than you can imagine (it cost Jesus his life to give you yours).

### **CONSIDER GOD'S PROMISES!**

- 1) God will hear our prayers.
- 2 Chronicles 33:12-13 -
- 2) God will give us honor.

James 4:10 -

3) God will make us prosper.

**Proverbs 22:4 -**

Attitude IS everything – so what attitude do YOU have.