

PAUL/EPHESIANS:

I WANT YOU TO EXPERIENCE + UNDERSTAND THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST

POSTURE  
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BEING SAVED IS A GIFT, WORKING ON / EXPERIENCING TAKES MUCH → POSTURE

PROPER

POSTURE OF WORSHIP (EPHESIANS 3:14-15)

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named...

An egocentric covetousness which claims man's heart, and thereby estranges him from God.

Bow...  
POSTURE OF HUMILITY  
BEFORE A POWERFUL, SOVEREIGN FATHER...  
- EVERY BACKGROUND  
- HEAVEN - EARTH  
POSTURE OF ADORATION

YOU WILL BOW + SERVE SOMEONE  
THERE ARE THINGS THAT MAKE YOU FEEL SMALL (HUMBLE) + BIG (AWES) AT THE SAME TIME  
→ MUSIC → IDOLS → SEX → MONEY  
BUT... WHICH ONE WILL DELIVER YOU THROUGH EVERY SEASON OF LIFE?

YOU CANNOT SERVE GOD + MAMMON  
• ALL OTHER GODS CAN DELIVER A FEELING, BUT ONLY YAHWEH STRETCHES THESE EMOTIONS TO THE FULLEST ENDS OF THE HUMAN HEART.  
• SMALL → GOD OF ALL, MIGHTY  
• BIG → REACHES DOWN, YOU ARE MINGLED! SAVED, REDEEMED!

THROUGH

POSTURE OF DEPENDENCE (EPHESIANS 3:16-19)

...that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

WHO IS WORKING?  
HE GIVES STRENGTH THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL  
HE ROOTS + GROUNDS IN LOVE STRENGTH TO COMPREHEND TO KNOW  
HE FILLS US... FULLNESS  
HE DOES ALL OF THIS - PAUL ASKING FOR IT THAT WE MAY BE FULL

• MY SON DOESN'T KNOW IT ALL, BUT HE LOVES ME AND KNOWS I LOVE HIM.  
• AS HE LEARNS MORE, OUR RELATIONSHIP GROWS

PROGRAMS, GROUPS, DISCIPLESHIP MODELS... ALL OF IT IS TO GET HERE!  
• STRENGTHENED BY HOLY SPIRIT IN HEART  
• ROOTED + GROUNDED IN LOVE  
• STRENGTH TO COMPREHEND LOVE OF GOD  
• TO KNOW UNKNOWABLE LOVE  
• FILLED WITH FULLNESS OF GOD.

DEEP DEPENDENCE

Oswald Chambers - The greatest barrier to intercession is that we take ourselves so seriously and come to the conclusion that God is reserved with us; he is not. God has to ignore things we take so seriously until our relationship to him is exactly that of a child.

MAY WE BE A PEOPLE THAT SEEKS THIS WITH EVERYTHING  
THE AIM OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE!

ACTIVE

POSTURE OF EXPECTANCY (EPHESIANS 3:20-21)

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

HE IS ABLE TO DO FAR MORE ABUNDANTLY THAN ALL WE ASK OR THINK!  
ACCORDING TO POWER AT WORK WITHIN US!  
GLORY!

OUR ASKING IS MOTIVATED BY THE ABILITY OF THE ONE WE ASK  
HE WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN YOU...  
FEAR + TREMBLING...

PASSIVE EXPECTANCY

"GOD WILL DO WHAT HE WANTS, I GUESS."  
LIFE HAPPENS TO US; GOD OBLIGATION

ACTIVE EXPECTANCY

HIS WILL? I KNOW WHAT TO DO...  
LET'S SEE WHAT ELSE HAPPENS AS WE WALK WITH HIM

CULTIVATING POSTURE >>> MANIPULATING OUTCOMES