SERIES – WHATEVER HAPPENS Developing the Right Mindset Philippians 2:1-8

I. The Church Is a Relational Organization

Church is supposed to be a place where people ...

- ... comfort one another
- ... show kindness and compassion to one another
- ... enjoy being with one another
- When you have a church like that, it helps us deal with whatever happens because we support one another
- How do you build a church like that?
 - ✓ Everyone should be of one spirit and one mind = committed to being harmonious
 - ✓ Avoid being selfish
 - ✓ Put others' needs before your own
 - ✓ Lay aside our differences and love one another
 - ✓ Seek to be humble and have the same mindset Jesus had

II. What is Mindset?

- It's influenced by life experiences, especially in childhood
- It's our way of thinking, our outlook, our worldview
- It involves our beliefs, feelings, values, and dispositions

III. How to Have the Mindset of Jesus

- Get out of God's way and let it happen
 - ✓ It starts with desiring to have it
 - ✓ Submit and yield yourself to the Lord
 - ✓ Pray for humility
 - ✓ Let go of whatever is holding us back like old ways of thinking, rigid thinking
 - ✓ Look at everything and everyone through the lens of love

Read the gospels to learn how Jesus thought, then pray to have the same mindset as he did.

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SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Philippians 2:1-8 (NIV)

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, <u>have the same mindset as</u> Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

I Corinthians 2:15-16 (Good News)

¹⁵ Whoever has the Spirit, however, is able to judge the value of everything, but no one is able to judge him. ¹⁶ As the scripture says,

"Who knows the mind of the Lord?

Who is able to give him advice?"

We, however, have the mind of Christ.