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- Attitude #3: Nothing beats knowing Christ.**
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Getting Started: Who is someone you would say has a really great attitude? Why? How have you seen them respond in good times and in bad times?

Digging In: Read over the book of Philippians in one sitting. How does Paul affirm the Philippians' commitment to the cause of the gospel (1:4, 7)? How does Paul reveal he is more concerned about the gospel than his own success and comfort (1:12-18)? What is the attitude of Christ, Paul refers to in 2:5? How does this relate to his commands (2:3- 4)? How does complaining and arguing (2:14) reveal that we are not embracing the attitude of Christ? What does Paul say in chapter 3 to paint the picture that nothing beats knowing Christ? Name some of the different ways to rely on Christ's strength from 3:4-13?

Living It Out: How would you be different if you owned all four of these attitudes to a greater degree? How would Northwest Bible Church be a greater light in the world? On a scale of 1-10, how strongly do you think you have embraced each of these attitudes? What thoughts, words, and actions reveal you have not fully embraced these attitudes in your own life? Do you think you can change your attitude? Which one of these attitudes will you ask Jesus to give you strength to more fully embrace?

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