



**TOPIC: KNOWING GOD AS THE ALMIGHTY**

**Key Scriptures:**

**1 Chronicles 29:10-12; Revelation 11:16-17; Job 1:20-21; Isaiah 64:8**

**Points to Make**

- ❖ When we are with people, we usually try to act as if everything is okay with us and that everything is under control. As Christians, we want people to think we are doing just fine living for the Lord – we are obedient, strong, victorious etc .
- ❖ At the same time we wonder: *Will my inadequacies show? Will my faults and weaknesses get exposed?*
- ❖ We feel vulnerable and threatened by our own inadequacies. So we sometimes hide behind a mask, pretending we have it all together .
- ❖ The truth is we don't. There is something wrong with each of us.
- ❖ There are ways in which each of us is inadequate for the life we are asked to live, and for the tasks and the situations that are set before us (Romans 7:18).
- ❖ That is why it is important to know God as the Almighty One and acknowledge that we need to depend on Him—on His resources, His wisdom, His strength, His forgiveness, His provision—in order to face all that we need to deal with in life (1 Chronicles 29:10-12, Revelation 11:16-17).
- ❖ The book of Job is said to be the oldest of the writings in the Bible. Perhaps it was the first book recorded in writing because it contains a very important message.
- ❖ The book of Job not only contains the story of Job, but it also contains about 60% of the Bible's use of the word "Shaddai" or "Almighty."
- ❖ God has shown Himself to be the Almighty when things are going well and when they are not.

**Sermon in a sentence:**  
**Recognize that each of us is inadequate, but we don't have to be ashamed of that. We do have to learn how to depend on God as the Almighty One.**

- ❖ Job acknowledged this when he said, "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Almighty gave, and the Almighty hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Almighty" (Job 1:21).
- ❖ Now we need to depend on him (2 Samuel 22:29-33, Psalm 37:3-5).

**Discussion Tools**

- ❖ When a person asks you, "How are you doing?" do you tell them the truth, or do you respond with a generic, "I'm fine?" Why?
- ❖ When you are with other people and you don't want your inadequacies to show, do you put on a "mask"?
- ❖ What type of situation causes you to do this? What type of mask do you put on and present to others? In the end, do you feel guilty for doing so, or do you feel better about yourself?
- ❖ If you did the ice-breaker, did you respond truthfully to the question of "How are you doing/feeling?" If you did not, why?
- ❖ Has God been the Almighty One in your life? Testify to someone nearby about the goodness of God in your life. And if you are looking to God to be the Almighty One once again in your life for a particular situation, pray for one another.

**Prayer Time**  
**Lord, help me to depend on you and not on myself. You are El Shaddai, the Almighty One, and you are more than enough in my situation. Amen.**

**ICE-BREAKER: Ask somebody beside you, "How are you doing/feeling?" and truly listen to their response.**

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