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## ALMIGHTY

1. Words matter
  - a. Understanding comes from knowing the “lingo” and how it’s used.
  - b. Who uses specialized lingo?
    - o Medical, engineers, printers, journalists, computer geeks, lawyers, mental health, gang members
2. The church is the same way.
  - a. When unchurched people walk in the door for the first time and hear these words:
    - o Justification
    - o Sanctification
    - o Reconciliation
    - o Atonement
    - o Sovereignty
    - o Transcendence
    - o Propitiation
    - o Almighty

**Do they have any idea what we’re talking about?**

**Do we, the body of Christ, understand what we’re talking about?**

3. Review: The Apostles Creed starts off with the declaration:

“I believe in God the Father **Almighty**”

Lesson 1: discussed “I believe”

Lesson 2: discussed “In God”

Lesson 3: discussed “The Father”

Lesson 4: we will discuss “Almighty”

4. What does “Almighty” mean? What thoughts come to mind when you hear or think about the word “Almighty”?

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5. Examples of “Almighty” used in scriptures:

- a. **Genesis 17:1** *“When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless.”*
- b. **Exodus 6:3** *“I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself fully known to them.”*
- c. **Ruth 1:20** *“Don’t call me Naomi,” she told them. “Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter.”*

- d. **1 Samuel 15:2** *"This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they waylaid them as they came up from Egypt.'"*
  - e. **Romans 9:29** *"It is just as Isaiah said previously: 'Unless the Lord Almighty had left us descendants, we would have become like Sodom, we would have been like Gomorrah.'"*
  - f. **James 5:4** *"Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty."*
  - g. **Revelation 1:8** *"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."*
6. Regarding "Almighty", J.I. Packer states, "It points to the basic Bible fact that God is the Lord, the King, the **omnipotent** one who reigns over his world."
- a. Except for "**omnipotent**" these are pretty simple words. Words we use every day. We get the point, right?
7. What is Packer really saying? Does he mean that God can do literally anything? Yes or No and why?
- a. Whatever intends to do, He does it.
  - b. **Psalm 135:6** *"The LORD does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths."*
  - c. **Psalm 33:9** *"For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm."*
  - d. God's creation in **Genesis 1:**
    - o Vs 1: God spoke, *"Let there be light. And there was light..."*
    - o Vs 6: And God said, *"Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water."*
    - o Vs 9: And God said, *"Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear."*
    - o You get the picture...
8. The problem of SIN and EVIL
- a. What is evil?
  - b. What is God doing about evil?
    - o **Mark 16: 14-16** *"Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen. He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.'"*
  - c. **The Gospel changes everything. Absolutely everything!**
  - d. **Jesus was raised from the dead!**
    - o **John 20:19** *"On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!'"*
9. The problem of man's FREE WILL
- a. What is free will? What comes to mind when you think about man's free will?
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  - b. **Ephesians 1:11-14** *"In him we were also chosen, having been **predestined** according to the plan of him who works out **everything** in **conformity** with the **purpose of his will**, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And **you also were included in Christ** when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When **you believed**, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory."*