



**Sermon Notes**  
June 3, 2018  
"An Unstable Climate"  
Philippians 4:10-13



**I. Insecurity**

- A. We carry comments made about us in the past into our current \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. One of the most significant climate shapers in all our relationships is \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. The proposition in the business/marketing world is that our product will \_\_\_\_\_ your insecurity.
- D. Insecurity creates an \_\_\_\_\_ climate in your relationships.

**II. A new label**

- A. Paul says "we're not going to \_\_\_\_\_ about anything other than the label God is giving us through Christ Jesus."
- B. Paul says "I had all the labels that anyone would want but it just didn't seem to \_\_\_\_\_."
- C. Paul says "I've found a new label and it's made all the \_\_\_\_\_."

**III. I can do all things through Him**

- A. At the heart of insecurity is a fear of \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ is the cure for insecurity.
- C. The climate of our relationships improves when you see you as \_\_\_\_\_ sees you.

**Things I would like to remember about this message:**

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## Asbury Daily Study Guide

### INTRODUCTION

Everyone has an emotional climate. Insecurity is one of the biggest influences on that climate. Throughout life we have failures and difficult experiences, and we hear negative comments from people who are important to us. These things feed our insecurities. And we all know it isn't fun to be on the other side of an insecure person. An insecure boss is difficult to follow. An insecure spouse is difficult to love. None of us wants to be that difficult person. So how do we deal with our insecurities? Culture tells us that self-esteem is the cure for insecurity. Scripture tells us something radically different.

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### Monday: Matthew 16:13-16

Jesus was curious about who people thought he was so he asked for some feedback from his closest friends. Last week we said that we all have our own climate but we can't see our own climate. So last week, Eric challenged you to ask three people in your life, "What's it like to be on the other side of me?" Did you do it? If so, what happened?

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### Tuesday: Exodus 31:1-11

God makes it clear to Moses who should do the construction of the Ark of the Covenant and the meeting tent among other things. God wants Moses to choose these people because God has given them the gifts to make this happen. What's something you're really good at? Do you do it because you love it or because it wins you acceptance from others?

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### Wednesday: Genesis 4:1-9

Cain's emotions of anger and resentment led to disastrous consequences as we looked at last week. God warned Cain that if he did not change his emotional climate his emotions would master him. Unfortunately, Cain ignored the warning. Our emotions of anger and resentment will not lead us to murder but they could kill a relationship. What is the one thing you'd most like to change about your emotional climate? Why?

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### Thursday: Colossians 1:22-23, John 3:16-17

God could not ignore our sin but he loved us too much to be separated from us so he sent his Son into the world to die for our sins. We are loved and accepted by God. Is it difficult for you to believe that God accepts us?

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### Friday: Philippians 3:8, 4:13

At the heart of insecurity is fear of rejection. Acceptance is the cure for insecurity. The climate of our relationships improve when you see you as God sees you. How would your relationships change if you stopped seeking the acceptance of others because you knew you already had God's acceptance?

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### MOVING FORWARD

We work for acceptance, yet we already have the acceptance of the one who matters most: God. The climate of your relationships will change when you see you as God sees you. Write down the words of Philippians 4:13 and carry them around with you this week. Use them to help you remember whose acceptance matters most.

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**Answers to the sermon notes:** IA) relationships, B) insecurity, C) cure, D) unstable.  
IIA) boast, B) satisfy, C) difference.  
IIIA) rejection, B) Acceptance, C) God.