

**Apeilitikos Series**  
**The Enmity Line**  
**Newport News Campus**  
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**Opening**

- worship wrap
- outside play dismissal
- target is 6:15 this week again...
- shout out to Amy Kimble for doing some amazing research for me in the Greek...

**Introduction**

-apeilitikos is the Greek word “menacing”

**-Isaiah 50:2**

-Questions

- Has Jesus been misrepresented to us as a King who is only ever meek and gentle?
- Are there times when people are demonstrating a side of the character of Christ that is Biblical yet the Jesus in them is unrecognizable to us?
- Has the Bible been misused to condition us to be afraid of fear?
- Have we failed the world by telling them God always loves everyone?

-Recap

***-The Fear of The Lord is not being afraid of God but rather the fear of my well being put at risk because I have chosen a path, an attitude, a life style, a response, etc. that is contrary to what God demands.***

**-(show the graph)**

***-Once I cross the line of enmity, I begin to write a story for my life that competes with the story that God has written for me. And I begin to work against the story that God has written for the world because my story is part of The Story!***

**The Enmity Line (show graph, where born but not to return!)**

-Colossians 1:13

-Romans 5:10

-James 4:4

-2 Peter 2:20-22

-Hebrews 6:4-6

***-The grace that saves me is the grace that keeps until the wrath that once held me becomes the lie that deceives me.***

-1 Corinthians 3:15

***-Jesus, help us to be in step with You. I never want my ministry to others to cause people to not recognize You. Help me to know when to echo the roar of The Lion and when to emulate the gentleness of The Lamb...no matter what my S.H.A.P.E. may be.***

**Jesus as Lion**

-John 2:13-16

-Matthew 21:12-13

*-Jesus bookended His earthly ministry with a menacing roar and a ferocious bite so we would never forget that He is both Lion and Lamb!*

-Mark 3:1-6 (put into context, Jesus in the vernacular of His day)

***-fools, whitewashed graves, unclean, brood of vipers, sons of the devil, hypocrites, full of dead people's bones, and serpents.***

*-We shun the non-Christian because of their lifestyle and accommodate the immorality of others because they are Christians.*

-1 Corinthians 5:1-13 (read from Bible)

- **Verse 1 - Egregious Sin (all sin NOT the same) (1 John 5:16-17)**
- **Verse 6 - Church Discipline (permissive culture)**
- **Verse 5 - Restored Relationship (Community & Christ)**

*-This text is given to us by the Holy Spirit when writing the Bible so we would understand there are times when the roar of The Lion of Jesus should be echoed by His Church!*

*-Clues the enmity line is being approached: boastful (proud, identity) and blatant (ignoring understanding)*

### **The Prophetic Voice**

-17 of the 39 OT books are by the prophets (share about content...not especially caring!)

-Alan Hirsch (book 5Q)

***PROPHETS** know God's will. They are particularly attuned to God and his truth for today. They bring correction and challenge the dominant assumptions we inherit from the culture. They insist that the community obey what God has commanded. They question the status quo. Without the other types of leaders in place, prophets can become belligerent activists or, paradoxically, disengage from the imperfection of reality and become other-worldly.*

**Artist, poet, seer, mystic, reformer, activist...ethical, theological, motivational, prefigurative, contrarian.**

-(read Bill Gothard illustration)

-When we read or hear a response from someone that we feel is not in keeping with the character of Christ, we should be asking these three questions?

- 1. Am I expecting others to respond with my spiritual gift?**
- 2. Am I out of step with Jesus the Lion or Jesus the Lamb?**
- 3. Am I hiding in judgment instead of reaching out in love?**

**Close (back to graph)**