

PHILIPPIANS 4:13 – Part 1

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- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
- Comment – Starting a new series
- Title – Philippians 4:13 – Part 1

Phil. 4:13 Paul said – “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”

- Why would a pastor make a series around those words?
 1. I believe that a merciful Heavenly Father readily answers prayers
 2. But I do not believe in the “name-it, claim-it” approach – where people can push God to do what they want Him to do and cause Him to submit to them
 3. Our loving Father gives us so much – every need and many of our wants
 4. One of the greatest gifts a dad gives to his children is a can-do, positive attitude – and the perfect Heavenly Father does the same – He helps us to succeed through adversity

- God answered prayers

2 Kings 20:1-6 the Lord added 15 years to Hezekiah’s life
 Esther 4:15-16 Esther gathered the Jews of that time to pray and fast

- Although I do not believe in the “name-it, claim it” approach, I certainly understand why some disciples believe it – let me show you scriptures

Matt. 7:7 ask and it will be given to you – seek and you will find – knock and it will be opened to you

8 “everyone who asks receives – he who seeks finds – to him who knocks, it will be opened

Luke 11:9 ask and it will be given to you – seek and you will find – knock and it will be opened to you

Matt. 17:20 if you have faith – nothing will be impossible for you

Mark 9:23 if you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes

Matt. 21:21-22 “whatever” you ask in believing prayer, you will receive

Mark 11:22 have faith in God

23 “whoever” says – he will have “whatever” he says

24 “whatever” things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them and you will have them

John 14:13 “whatever you ask in My name”
 14 if you ask “anything” in My name, I will do it
 John 15:7 you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you
 16 that “whatever” you ask the Father in My name, He may give you
 John 16:23 “whatever” you ask the Father in My name, He will give you
 24 until now, you have asked nothing in My name – ask and you will receive

- The Son of God revealed an important key

John 5:30 I do not seek My own will, but the will of the Father who sent Me
 John 6:38 I have come down from heaven (not to do My own will) to do the will of
 Him who sent Me
 Matt. 7:21 he who does the will of My Father
 Matt. 26:37-38 sorrowful
 39 “as You will”
 42 “Your will be done”
 2 Cor. 12:9-10 it was not the Father’s will (at that moment) to heal Paul

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- For the next Bible study, I invite you to consider the following 3 concepts
 1. I believe that God (as a perfect Father) will supply our personal needs – because He is trustworthy and because He loves us
 2. I believe that God will often give us the desires of our heart – because He loves us
 3. I believe that God sometimes says “no” to our requests (often the desires of our heart) – because He loves us