

**PHILIPPIANS 4:13 – Part 2**

2/14/24

- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study – (will continue with a series)
- Title – Philippians 4:13 – Part 2

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
- In last week’s study, I invited 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

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- Matt. 6:8                      the Father knows what we need – before we ask  
 25                                  do not “worry” about your life – (food, drink, clothing)  
 26                                  the Father feeds the birds  
 27                                  what good is worrying?  
 28-30                                consider the lilies of the field  
 31                                  do not “worry”  
 32                                  the Gentiles emphasize such things  
 33                                  seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness – and these things  
    will be added to you
- Matt. 11:28                      “come to Me” (all who labor and are heavy laden) – “I will give you rest”  
 29                                  “take My yoke upon you and learn from Me” – “I am gentle and lowly in  
    heart, and you will find rest for your souls”  
 30                                  “My yoke is easy and My burden is light”

Luke 11:1	disciples – “Lord, teach us to pray”
2-4	model prayer
5-8	asking a friend for bread
9	ask – seek – knock
10	given – finds – opened
11	if a son needs bread, does the father give a stone? – if a son needs fish, does the father give a serpent?
12	if a son needs an egg, does the father give a scorpion?
Heb. 4:16	come boldly before the throne of grace – to receive mercy – to receive help in time of need
Heb. 12:5-6	the Lord corrects the sons He loves
7-11	God deals with you as with sons
Heb. 13:5	I will never leave you, nor forsake you – (quoted from Joshua 1:5)

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2. I believe that God will often give us the desires of our heart – because He loves us

1 Pet. 5:7	cast all your cares upon Him – for He cares for you
Psalm 21:2	David said to the Eternal – You have given him his heart’s desire – and You have not withheld the request of his lips
Psalm 145:15	David said to the Eternal – everyone depends upon You – You give them their food in due season
16	You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing
Luke 18:1	parable – to teach about prayer
2-8	prayer is like a widow seeking justice from an unjust judge

- It is easy for believers to view their request for justice as a need – but I believe that a request for justice is really a desire of our heart

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3. I believe that God sometimes says “no” to our requests (often desires of our heart) – because He loves us