

PHILIPPIANS 4:13 – Part 4

2/28/24

- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study – (will continue with a series)
- Title – Philippians 4:13 – Part 4
- 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 two recent studies – I invited you to consider the following 3 concepts
 1. God supplies our personal needs
 2. God will often give us the desires of our heart
 3. God sometimes says “no” to our requests
- At the end of the last study – I mentioned the following
 - When a loving Father says “no” –
 - He wants us to grow and to learn
 - He will teach us how to endure
 - He will teach us how to succeed

- First – we must realize that the children of God will have trials

Gen. 50:20	you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good
1 Sam. 26:21-24	Saul apologized to David – David kept his distance
Heb. 5:8	the Son of God “learned” through His experiences
Acts 14:22	strengthening the souls of the disciples – exhorting them to continue in the faith – saying “we must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God”
2 Tim. 3:12	all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution
James 1:2-3	count it all joy when you have various trials
1 Pet. 1:6-7	don’t be grieved by trials – more precious than gold
1 Pet. 4:12-16	fiery trials

- Second – here are two reminders about dealing with trials

1 Cor. 2:11	the spirit of the man – the Spirit of God
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- The spirit of the man

Prov. 14:15	the simple believes every word – the prudent considers well his steps
2 Tim. 2:2	commit to faithful people, who will be able to teach others also
3-4	a good soldier
5	competes as an athlete
6	the farmer

Looking back to January 2022, an article by Elizabeth Perry titled “Adversity: What Is It and How to Overcome It” was posted at betterup.com on Jan. 31, 2022.

1. Stop making excuses
2. Write
3. Change your state of mind
4. Stay disciplined
5. Use your sense of humor
6. Have faith
7. Let each success energize you
8. Don't take “no” for an answer
9. Surround yourself with people who have a positive mind set
10. Spend some time in nature

- The Spirit of God

2 Cor. 12:9	the Lord said – My grace is sufficient for you – for My strength is made perfect in weakness
2 Cor. 1:3-4	the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ – comforts us in all our tribulation
8	burdened above strength
9	learn to trust in God
10	has delivered – does deliver – will deliver
2 Cor. 4:7	we have this treasure in earthen vessels – that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us
8-9	various descriptions we are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed we are perplexed, but not in despair we are persecuted, but not forsaken we are struck down, but not destroyed
Phil. 4:10	Paul wrote – I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me
	has flourished again – though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity
11	not that I speak in regard to need – for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content
12	I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound – everywhere and in all things, I have learned both to be full and to be hungry – both to abound and to suffer need
13	I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me