

THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO!



IT MIGHT NOT BE WHAT YOU THINK

Philippians 4:13

- What is something that stuck out to you from last Sunday's teaching?
- Circle Time: Share about a time that no matter how hard you tried you just couldn't accomplish what you had set out to do?
 - What kept you trying?
 - What was the final straw that caused you to realize it just wasn't going to happen?
 - Did prayer factor into the situation? If so, how did it help or not help you?
- The most common translation of Philippians 4:13: *"I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength"*
 - Have you heard this scripture before? In what context is this passage helpful for people?
 - How do you think our current culture is trained by society to understand a verse like this?
 - What is the *egocentric* interpretation of this passage tell us vs. the *Christocentric* interpretation?
 - What can happen to people's faith who believe they literally can do ALL things through Christ and then they fail at something? Has something like this ever affected your faith?
- Have someone who has the NIV version read Philippians 4:10-14.
 - Do these words sound like they are coming from someone who has the power to accomplish great feats and easily push aside anything that is thrown at him? Why or why not?
 - In it's context what is Paul actually saying he is able to do through the way that Christ strengthens him? *Find contentment*
 - How do you define contentment?
 - What makes it easy or hard to be content?
 - Paul talks about having contentment in ALL situations. Do you know anyone who has displayed contentment like this is in their lives? What do you think was their secret of contentment? What did you learn about them?
- In what ways have you found that your faith has lent itself to more contentment for all situations for you?
 - What advice do you have for others who might be seeking that same type of contentment in their lives?