



MOTIVATED BY THE GOSPEL TO MEET NEEDS

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Philippians 4:10–23
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SERMON OUTLINE

NOTES

I. JOY AND CONTENTMENT IN CHRIST (PHILIPPIANS 4:10-13)

- A. Rejoicing in the Lord for the generosity of His people (Philippians 4:10)
- B. Contentment in any and every situation is learned (Philippians 4:11–12)
 - 1. In all our circumstances... (Philippians 4:4–6)
 - 2. ...we can learn... (2 Peter 3:18)
 - 3. ...how to be content (1 Timothy 6:6–8; Matthew 6:25, 31, 34)
- C. Christ is our strength in all things (Philippians 4:13)
 - 1. We increase our strength through grace (2 Timothy 2:1)
 - 2. We increase our strength through prayer (Ephesians 3:14–21)
 - 3. We increase our strength by trusting in God (Psalms 59:16–17)
 - 4. We increase our strength through dependency on God (2 Corinthians 1:8–9)
 - 5. We are strengthened according to the gospel of Jesus Christ (Romans 16:25–27)

II. GOSPEL-DRIVEN PARTNERSHIP AND GENEROSITY (PHILIPPIANS 4:14-20)

- A. Generous gospel partnerships (Philippians 4:14–16)
 - 1. Gospel partnerships are deeply relational; They are true fellowship (Philippians 4:14–15; 2 Corinthians 8:1–5)
 - 2. The relationship between Paul and the Philippians was so deep that generosity flowed naturally (Philippians 4:15–16)
- B. The gospel is proper motivation for generosity and support (Philippians 4:17–20)
 - 1. Giving aims at a greater purpose (Philippians 4:17)
 - 2. Generous gospel partnerships are pleasing to God (Philippians 4:18; 2 Corinthians 9:6–7)
 - 3. The gospel properly motivates generosity (Philippians 4:19–20; 2 Corinthians 9:8–15)

III. FINAL GREETINGS (PHILIPPIANS 4:21-23)

PHILIPPIANS 4:10-23

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. 11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

14 Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. 15 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. 16 Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. 17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. 18 I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. 19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. 22 All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. How have you seen or heard Philippians 4:13 being taken out of context? How would you summarize what this verse is actually talking about, given the broader context of the passage?
2. Why is it so important to remember that we are all continually learning to be content in all things? What are some ways that we can encourage each other towards contentment while still being gracious and hospitable?
3. Does singing together as a congregation help strengthen your trust in God? Did your trust in God begin to waver at all when the church was not able to meet together in person?
4. Does your joy and contentment in Christ have an effect on your generosity toward others? If so, how?
5. Think back over this sermon series in the book of Philippians. How have you been encouraged or challenged in your faith? What specific passage impacted you the most?