More Than a Catchphrase

I Can Do All Things!

***Philippians 4:10-13 - 10 But 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. Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased (means to be lowered), 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.***

This is a popular phrase not only in regards to Christians but also the world. People love to say this, they get strength from it

How many of us believe Philippians 4:13?

We say we can do all things but do we really feel that we can do all things?

**If we do feel that way, why do we limit God? -** We are always limiting God in our everyday lives Christians.

**We limit God because we perceive God is exactly capable of what we are capable of in the flesh!** *1 John 4:4 states “You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”*

We are not to “limit God” in our lives, He is stronger, smarter, and more holy than us.

When we say, we can do all things through Christ, the true accurate meaning is I have strength in all things (Ellicott’s commentary). We as fallen, sinful, humans cannot do anything on our own, we need Jesus in our lives!

***That is why God is limitless, but we are limited!*** Job 36:22-24, I Timothy 6:16 “*who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.”*

**He spoke everything we know and see and feel into existence, so who are we, as his creation to put limits on him? –** Romans 8:18 – 1 Corinthians 15:10 – Isaiah *40:18 “To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare to Him?”*

**We cannot limit God, but we can limit Him in our lives** (get this in your spirit)

We can limit Him by not praying – 2 Corinthians 9:10 – All great things come from prayer – Salvation, getting close to our Father, The Holy Spirit

We can limit Him by not obeying him? – Psalms 78:1-8 – Doing things, going places we are told to God and not obeying because **WE** feel it is not necessary, or for **OUR** benefit.

**We are to give ourselves fully to God, the things God can do for us, as his children, are limitless.** (The flood, Story about the missionaries and angels, creation itself)

God who created the Heavens and the Earth, who created us, who created the angels, who created all is more powerful than we can even comprehend? John 1:3, Genesis chapter 1.

We can have strength in all things if we allow Christ to be our Rock – Psalms 18:2

Let us not limit God, but ourselves getting in the way, Ephesians 4:20-24 states “But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Prayer!