

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Sermon

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of Gods word.

I Can Do All Things

## Philippians 4:13

As believers we are strengthened in the inner man through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. This is moment by moment relying on him, until we are able to follow his guidance.

It is not by our own strength or by our own power or wisdom that I can do all things, but through Christ, who gives me my strength.

Being solely dependent upon Christ allows us to withstand the ever changing conditions that we experience.

There will still be hard times, there will still be sin, but God will still give redemption, and forgiveness through his abundance of grace.

## Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

To understand this passage of scripture means, we must understand the range of challenges in all of our experiences.

Not all challenges are hardship and persecution. But all challenges do take the ability to endure. No matter the circumstance, hungry or well fed, in need or well off, poor or rich, our well being is solely dependent on God.

All that we do, is by Gods enabling strength, and all that we do, we do to the Glory of God.

Without Gods strength, I can endure nothing, hardships or blessings. I do not have the spiritual strength to endure the hardships, I do not have the spiritual understanding to accept the blessings.

**John 15: 4 – 8**, ....abide in me and I and you.... For without me you can do nothing.

There is no spiritual goodness without Christ. We cannot think good thoughts, speak good words, perform good task. Without the Holy Spirit we are separated from Gods presence, his strength and his grace.

When we humbly confess and begin to walk in the spirit and truth of the Holy Spirit, then we begin to do only those things through the example of Christ, so that his salvation may be lived in us, and through us.

When we have Christ, we have everything. When we belong to Christ, God will enable us to bear the challenges of whatever our situation may be in life.

There comes a point in our lives when we must realize how powerless we are, and our inability to carry out Gods will in our life. This can be very confusing, seeing that much of the world is based on individualism, personal achievement, and living under our own power. Even so, Christ did not try to do things on his own, he looked to the Father for his strength. We must follow Christ example, pray without ceasing, study and meditate on Gods word, do the works of salvation in regards to others. If we can do nothing without Christ, just think what we can do with him.

**Acts 17: 26 – 31** - .... So that they should see the lord.... For we are also his offspring.... Commands all men to repent....

Our inspiration is from above, there is no limit to its possibilities. So with this we are able to endure all trials, perform all duties, conquer all temptations, accept and strengthen our faith in Christ.

God has:

Made from one blood everyman to do well. **I Corinthians 10: 16 – 17**,....for we, though many are one bread and one body...

Determined their pre appointed time. **Mark 1:15**, ....the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand....

Seek and search for the Lord. **Isaiah 55:6**, ....seek the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near....

In him we live, move, have our being. **Galations 2: 20**, ....but it is Christ who lives in me....

Commands all men to repent. **2 Peter 3:9**, ....but that all should come to repentance...

God created us in such a way that we would desire to reach out to him and seek him.

God has placed within each of us, that which longs for meaning and purpose, and when those longings are not fulfilled, we feel lost. We cannot define our own lives, in order for this to happen, we must, be in our relationship with God. The more we mature, the closer we draw to God, the more we will find that our lives our being influenced by him.

**2 Corinthians 12: 9** - .... My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness....gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities...

God supplies us with grace every moment of every day. As believers we must learn to rely on that grace and rely on him for all things in our lives.

Gods grace is due to his abundant love for us. Love that was given through Christ on the cross, that we might have salvation and eternal life.

Of our own choice, we trust in Christ. Of our own will, every moment we abide in him. We learn, as Christians, our strength is Gods gift to us through his love.

The secret to Christian Life: we die to ourselves, and live for God, for the sake of his son, Christ. Weakness in our worldly flesh, brings glory to God. We must accept what God has in store for us, and trust in his plan and goodness.

**Romans 8:31** - .... If God is for us, who can be against us....

Christians need encouragement. We suffer in this body, awaiting to be glorified in our new body. The fact that we suffer, does not mean that God is not with us. Gods purpose, to complete in us, what he predestined for us. His purpose is for us to be Christ like. God, foreknew us, called us, justified us, and will glorify us. God is strength for those who are in Christ, by faith. So, what could anyone ever hope to accomplish against us.

Everyman needs strength, everyman requires strengthening. A Christians strength can only come through Christ. We follow his example, his promises, we find sufficiency and contentment through Christ and abiding in him. The power of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, allows us to show forth the goodness of our salvation to all that God surrounds us with for the sake of the gospel of Christ. Therefore, I can do all things through Christ who gives me my strength.

Let Us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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