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Phil 4:13 KJV
I can do all things
through Christ which
strengtheneth me.

Dear Partners and Friends,

Independence Day: 4th of July

On this day we celebrate our freedom as a nation to live as free people. We express our gratitude to the founding fathers, who established a system of government which is the best in the world, so that freedom with free people would continue to exist. As Christians, we especially should identify with freedom, even as Paul in Galatians 5: 1 NASU said,

It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore, keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

As believers, our relationship with our Heavenly Father is founded in His love towards us, where we live in freedom, with gratitude to Jesus, who set us free. As you celebrate on this day, I encourage you to remember who inspired our founding fathers with the fire that was in their hearts, Jesus!

Physical strength or Spiritual strength!

I remember a man who was a newly saved Christian speaking of an older man as a person who could not whip his way out of a wet paper bag. The person I was talking to has a lot of physical strength with many accomplishments relating to his physical abilities. It became obvious that this man's self-worth was established in himself in relationship to his abilities physically. He even saw women as inferior because they were physically weaker than men. Of course, later his heart beliefs changed as God worked through two people very powerfully in his life. The old man he was speaking of and a woman, who by the Spirit of God told him something only he and God would know.

The world's concept of strength is rooted in self, but with God, true strength is found in Him through Christ. In **2 Cor 12:7-10 NKJV** is an example of the strength from God's perspective:

⁷And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. ⁸Concerning this thing, I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. ⁹And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, most gladly

I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

The degree of persecution from people that Paul was facing was so severe that he sought in prayer deliverance. But what Paul was asking for went against the will of God. In the New Covenant, God is relating to man through his unconditional love revealed through Christ. Paul, when he was called Saul, persecuted the church and if the Lord related to him through judgment, Paul probably would never have had a powerful experience in coming to know Jesus.

But Paul was not without help from the Lord in persecutions, reproaches, infirmities, needs or distress. The Lord said to him,

"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

The revelation Paul received was that in human weakness he could either try to overcome or be an overcomer in Christ. He could try to be strong through his own strength and limit Jesus, or he could choose a walk of faith. Faith is the place where he was not the one trying to control the challenges of life, but instead trusting in the Lord with all his heart by refusing to walk by sight.

2 Cor 5:7 KJV *For we walk by faith, not by sight:*

It was when he would live with a dependency upon the life of Christ from within that the result was so powerful that with confidence, his troubles became a challenge met in Christ, instead of an impossible obstacle in self. Paul discovered a truth in Christ that, *"For when I am weak, then I am strong."*

Update

In last month's newsletter, I shared about the need for a new computer telephone system. It is no longer a need as the Lord worked through one of our Christian vendors. The problem with our old phones is that they are no longer able to be repaired. Our vendor shared a new technology service which does away with the need for an expensive system. This service gives us everything we need and more, at a fraction of the cost. Praise God!

This will allow us to move forward with the repair of the windows. As the funds are available, we will go ahead and begin to replace more and more of the windows, beginning with the most important windows until all the work is accomplished. Thank you to all who have given towards the ministry building and those who continue to support us. We are very grateful to you all.

When we are trusting in our self-life, resulting in limiting Jesus in our life, we are in control with a dependency upon the arm of our flesh, our strength, and ability.

Paul discovered and experienced what Jesus meant when He said, *"My strength is made perfect in weakness."*

Paul experienced an enabling ability that could only come by the power of the Holy Spirit. He had help from the Lord that went well beyond what a human could normally accomplish under these kinds of circumstances. It gave him the kind of confidence that, no matter what could happen to him, nothing was going to overcome him, as he was already an overcomer in Christ.

Paul would have preferred not to have to face these kinds of challenging circumstances in the flesh. These problems are what motivated Paul to pray several times

until he had a personal experience with Jesus, which changed his perspective from a human perspective to God's perspective.

In all this, he looked to Jesus, who is the author and finisher of our faith and experienced the presence and power of the Lord. This brings about an enabling ability that goes beyond the arm of the flesh in experiencing the deliverance of the Lord.

We have Jesus. It just does not get any better than that! As believers, we do not have to live like unbelievers in our own strength. The Spirit of God in the presence of the Godhead lives within us. Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit as the kingdom of God dwells within us.

Paul said, "Therefore, I will all the more gladly glory in my weaknesses and infirmities, that the strength and power of Christ (the Messiah) may rest (yes, may pitch a tent over and dwell) upon me!"

In Phil 4:13 KJV *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*

I believe that there are Christians who quote this scripture, but rarely, if at all, experience or even practically understand how this truth is experienced in everyday life. Sometimes I think some Christians quote this scripture after going through some really challenging problems in life as if God got them through it. But the reality was that they were full of anxiety as their heart and mind were consumed with the issues, to the place that they never really experienced the peace of God that as Philippians says will guard your heart and mind.

In the amplified version of **Phil 4:13** more understanding is brought out.

I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to

*anything through **Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency**].*

"Who infuses inner strength." A strengthening that comes from within, from the kingdom life of Christ that dwells within us. I believe that believers who pray in the Spirit with their prayer language have a greater opportunity of experiencing this power of the Holy Spirit with an infusing that comes from the inside of us from the kingdom of God. The result of our prayer language is that we are more sensitive to the Holy Spirit and less sensitive to our self-life or a better way of saying it - the flesh or flesh life. If we are not careful as Christians, we can live life like an unbeliever, where there is a dependency on the arm of the flesh out of one's own strength, ability, and understanding.

The reality is we have the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit always with us. I listened one time to a businessman, who responded to the teaching of the Word of God by praying all night in his prayer language and experienced the Lord's presence and power.

The result was it changed his spiritual life and business life. He received wisdom from the Lord and experienced supernatural growth in his business. After this Holy Ghost experience, he was never the same.

The real question is this, under the circumstances of life do we yield outwardly to the problems or inwardly to Jesus and experience His presence and His strengthening life? I encourage you to choose Jesus!

**Happy 4th of July!
Blessings always,**

Cecil + Lisa

Testimonies

I had experienced symptoms of sickness in August 2018. The symptoms were burning, numbness, swelling in my legs and feet and sometimes hands. One day I woke up with rashes on my neck and face. I have been following Andrew Womack ministry for some time, in fact, I experience the symptoms after streaming into Andrew's healing conference in Colorado. I knew it was an attack from Satan and I had to turn to God. In much pain from burning that at times felt like boiling blood (extremely hot burning sensation), I went for a walk around midnight in my neighborhood. In tears, I ask God for help. I was beginning to see God above the problem, but the pain was a constant reminder of my current reality...pain. Fear had kicked in because I would wake up with almost 100% numbness in my hands and feet. During the walk, God said to me, be not dismayed, I am the GOD that heal thee. This turned on my faith and that very word from God came with a word of Knowledge and I found that word in the scripture. Wow!

One night I went to sleep. I would often sleep listening to healing messages from Kenneth Copeland, Andrew Wommack, and Kenneth Hagin. One morning around 3am, I woke up to Cecil ministering on healing. I began to pursue and fix my heart to receive, although I was in pain. I went to the doctor and my results came back with no issues, but high b12 levels, likely from all the vitamins I had taken. I began to see results from standing on the word, but one day I felt lead to call Cecil and Lisa Paxton Ministries. Lisa prayed for me and instantly on the phone I felt about 100 pins in my leg. The Life of Christ was healing my nerves. I walked away feeling good and my life forever changed! When symptoms try to return, I use Lisa advice and call it a lie and resist those symptoms from becoming mine. I take no ownership whatsoever!!! Praise God!

One of our partners wrote, "I really enjoyed your book on healing, excellent!"

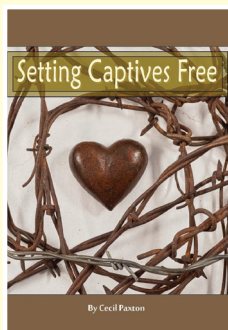
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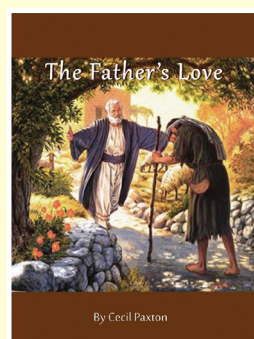
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