

In Every Situation

Philippians 4:10-23

1. Living as Christ Sufficient vs. 11-13

Our focus is in the Lord. It is God who sustains us, the one who gives us hope for eternity, the one who has provided His unfailing promises. When our focus is in the Lord we learn a new perspective of being content in any and every situation, as the Lord gives us strength through our dependence on Him.

Questions:

- What keeps us from feeling the contentment that Paul felt? When do you live as though God were not meeting “all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus”? What sorts of thoughts, actions or activities foster discontentment in your heart?
- Where are some common areas of discontentment in your heart now, and how do they challenge your faith? How is discontentment a subtle form of unbelief? How can you battle and put discontentment to death in your heart?
- How would you define biblical contentment using Philippians 4:11-13? How does Jesus give us strength to be content, regardless of our situation?

2. Living In Gospel Unity vs. 10, 14-20

We rejoice in the Lord when someone freely honours God by showing concern to another brother or sister in Christ. This concern displays a support for his or her living out the gospel. This unity brings encouragement, as it reveals one’s spiritual maturity; the focus on bringing God glory.

Questions:

- Who are these people for whom you feel concerned? Are there people you have partnered for the gospel to provide for their needs (serving through time, money, abilities... etc.)? If not, what has kept you from generosity?
- What would it look like to recognize God’s provision in your life? How would it change the way you think about yourself, or your situation?

- Who has God put into your life that is in need? What are their needs? What would it look like for you to partner with them and show concern for them?

3. Living in God's Grace vs. 21-23

We understand that each brother and sister in Christ is of equal importance to God. Each one can face any situation because each one has received the transforming grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.