

Pastor's Pen

Not Exactly!

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

I have seen this verse tattooed on people, displayed on screen savers, and hung on walls in homes and offices. One big problem with this verse is that most people don't know what it means. Growing up, I loved watching nature documentaries in the 1960's such as the Wild Kingdom and National Geographic, and my favorite show was by oceanographer Jacques-Yves Cousteau. I loved the ocean as a boy and wanted to spend my life diving with the dolphins. The problem was I realized by the time I was 12; that I wasn't smart enough to become an oceanographer. However, according to many, I just lacked faith in Christ because obviously, all believers know that they can do all things through Christ.

The meaning of the verse is quite clear. Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, was inspired to write that God would see him through all of the physical sufferings he was enduring for the cause of Christ. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth:

"Five times I received from the Jews forty lashes less one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked—a night and a day I have spent in the deep. 26 I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the desolate places, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brothers.

27 I have been in labor and hardship, in many sleepless nights, in starvation and thirst, often hungry, in cold and without enough clothing" (1 Cor.11:24-27).

It was these sufferings and, ultimately, his death that God gave him the strength to endure all things. So, as we live our lives for Christ, take comfort in knowing that God will provide you with the strength to live, suffer, and die for Him.

Your shepherd,

Pastor Mark

Quote of the Week

"It is well said that neglected prayer is the birth-place of all evil."
-Charles Spurgeon

Grace Gems

Grace Gems- Valley of Vision
Living By Prayer-

O GOD OF THE OPEN EAR,

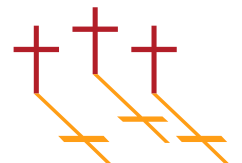
Teach me to live by prayer as well as by providence, for myself, soul, body, children, family, church;

Give me a heart frameable to thy will; so might I live in prayer, and honour thee, being kept from evil, known and unknown. Help me to see the sin that accompanies all I do, and the good I can distil from everything. Let me know that the work of prayer is to bring my will to thine, and that without this it is folly to pray;

When I try to bring thy will to mine it is to command Christ, to be above him, and wiser than he: this is my sin and pride. I can only succeed when I pray according to thy precept and promise, and to be done with as it pleases thee, according to thy sovereign will.

When thou commandest me to pray for pardon, peace, brokenness, it is because thou wilt give me the thing promised, for thy glory, as well as for my good. Help me not only to desire small things but with holy boldness to desire great things for thy people, for myself, that they and I might live to show thy glory.

Teach me that it is wisdom for me to pray for all I have, out of love, willingly, not of necessity; that I may come to thee at any time, to lay open my needs acceptably to thee; that my great sin lies in my not keeping the savour of thy ways; that the remembrance of this truth is one way to the sense of thy presence; that there is no wrath like the wrath of being governed by my own lusts for my own ends.



Weekly Gatherings

Bible Classes

Old Testament
New Testament
Young Parents
Young Adults
Sunday Morning @ 9AM

Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM
Men's Bible Study
Every other Saturday:
Women of Grace | 9am

Family Groups

Thursdays @ 7PM
every other week @ Chambers, Cox's,
Patrick's and beginning 6/23 @ the
Brown's

Build the Body Teams

If you would like to serve on a BtB Team
and forgot to sign up, please contact the
team leader at the appropriate email
address.

Youth Study

Wednesdays @6:30PM
Youth Study

Service Times

Sunday Service 10:30AM
Children's Church @10:30AM

Giving from service on 8/07/2022

General Offering	9,815.77
Building Fund	7,212.00
Uganda	125.00
Total.....	17,152.77

Attendance	234
Sunday School	139
Online.....	28

Build the Body Ministries

Women's Ministry-women@ghbcva.org
AWANA-awana@ghbcva.org
Outreach Ministry-outreach@ghbcva.org
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Men's Ministry-men@ghbcva.org
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