



**Sermon notes: The Well Community Church – Indian Service | August 3, 2025
| Sunday | 12:30pm**

Greetings in the name of our LORD and SAVIOR Jesus Christ.

Welcome to The Well Community Church – Indian Service. I really appreciate all of you for choosing to be here today to worship our GOD and listen to His voice. As you all know, we finished the series called *Strong Start Stronger Finish in the month of July*, and we have seen a couple of life stories and learned many things. We will begin a new series this month, and before we move further, I have a quick announcement: We do not have service here in portable B2 on the coming Sunday, August 10th, as we will all be at the UNT Coliseum celebrating its 10th anniversary. Wow, praise GOD, hallelujah! Also, we do not have the 8 am, 9:30 am, or 11 am English services—only the service at 10 am will take place. We celebrate as a family. As you all know, the Indian service is part of The Well Church, so we do not have service here on the coming Sunday.

Let's start the new series for the month of August. The series is called **ABCDEFGH** – how many of you know ABCDEFGH? Ha ha ha, everybody knows! So, what are we going to learn, and what is ABCDEFGH? This is the question and curiosity in your minds to explore. Okay, let me give you some clues so you guys may guess the abbreviation for ABCDEFGH. Now, let's turn your Bibles to Philippians 4:13 and read it aloud along with me:

"For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."

Who is this person who gave this statement in the Bible? Yes, Paul. Who is Paul? He is a servant of GOD, Apostle of Jesus Christ, Teacher, bondservant of Christ, fellow sufferer, believer of Jesus Christ. Let's dig deep into this verse. The questions we should ask are: Why did he say this statement? What made him say this statement? From where is he giving this statement? Probably these are the questions roaming in our minds. Let's understand a little history. Paul wrote this verse from prison. What? Yes, he wrote the book of Philippians from prison. The next immediate question would be: What could he do from prison? Before we get into this matter, the primary question is: Why did he come to prison? Because he preached that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior, no one else. Please believe in Him and be saved. He preached in several cities and places several times. He was arrested several times; however, he never stopped his ministry preaching about CHRIST.

What we need to understand from this great man of GOD is how deeply he tasted the love of CHRIST. He believed Jesus loved him. He believed he could do anything if Jesus was with him. He trusted in the LORD and understood the forgiveness of Jesus Christ. No matter how he was in prison, he had complete faith in Jesus, the Almighty GOD. So that is why he says, "I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me"—not that he can do it alone, but with GOD he can do it. That is the intention of Jesus Christ. He already defeated Satan, so now we need to defeat Satan in all aspects because we have Jesus in our hearts who says we have to fight, but with support from our LORD, then GOD may be glorified. What a great feeling it is! Our GOD is the one who is always with us to give us victory. That is the great thing. He is our Father; He never

wants His people to go down in their lives but always wants to bless us—not in our way but in HIS way. I love it.

Okay, let's come back to our series. What does ABCDEFG stand for? **A Believer Can Do Everything For GOD.**

What does it mean? What does 'everything' really mean? Does it mean I can win every game, pass every exam, or get every promotion? Or is Paul talking about something even greater?

Read Philippians 4:10–13 together.

Let the people see that this verse didn't come from comfort but from a prison cell.

Paul is writing to the Philippians from jail, likely chained and limited. He thanks them for their concern and support. He shares that he has learned the secret of being content in every situation—plenty or hunger, comfort or pain.

"I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances..."

"...I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

So, what does "everything" mean? It means I can be content in loss. I can still be faithful when things go wrong. I can endure pain, persecution, and pressure—not because I'm strong, but because Christ lives in me.

Before we claim, 'I can do everything,' we must understand what Paul was going through.

Main Points:

Christ gives us strength.

Christ gives us hope.

Christ gives us victory.

Christ gives us joy.

Remember John 15:5 says:

"I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

So on what basis can we say we can do everything? Here we go.

Chapter 1 – POWER 1:21

1. Christ Initiates and Completes His Work in Us

Verse: "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." – Philippians 1:6

Paul reminds the Philippian believers that their spiritual journey is not based on human effort. The good work of salvation, transformation, and growth was initiated by Christ Himself. And the beauty is—He doesn't just start something and leave it halfway. Christ is committed to completing what He began in us.

What Christ Has Done: He saved us (started the work). He sanctifies us (continues the work). He will glorify us (complete the work on His return).

Application: We don't have to live in insecurity. If you feel incomplete, discouraged, or behind spiritually—remember, you are a work in progress, and Christ is still working. Trust His timeline. Don't give up in the middle.

2. Christ Advances the Gospel Through Every Situation

Verse: "What has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel." – Philippians 1:12

Paul was in prison, yet he didn't view it as a setback but as a divine setup. Even in chains, Christ was using Paul to reach new people, including Roman guards. The Gospel isn't limited by our circumstances—Christ turns trials into testimonies.

What Christ Has Done: Took Paul's imprisonment and used it to spread the Gospel. Inspired boldness in other believers to preach more fearlessly (v.14). Proved that our limitations can still be God's launchpads.

Application: Your current struggle—family, job, health, etc.—can become a platform for the Gospel. Ask: How is Christ using my situation to reveal His truth to others?

3. Christ Gives Life Its Meaning and Death Its Gain

Verse: "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." – Philippians 1:21

This is one of the most powerful declarations of purpose in the New Testament. Paul says, "If I'm alive, I live for Christ. If I die, I get to be with Him—which is even better." Christ redefines the meaning of life and death. Without Him, both are empty. With Him, both are victory.

What Christ Has Done: He gave Paul (and us) a reason to live—to glorify Christ. He gave death a new meaning—not as loss, but as gain—eternity with Christ. He shifted the believer's view from temporary to eternal.

Application: Live each day as a mission: "How can I glorify Christ today?" Don't fear death—rejoice in the eternal hope we have. Let Christ be your source of meaning—not success, wealth, or status.

Chapter 2 - EXAMPLE

1. Christ Modeled Perfect Humility

Philippians 2:5-8

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus... He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."

What Christ Did: Jesus, though fully God, chose to humble Himself by taking on human nature and dying a shameful death on the cross.

Application: Believers are called to adopt the same mindset—serving others selflessly, not seeking status or recognition.

2. Christ Was Exalted by God

Philippians 2:9-11

"Therefore God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name..."

What Christ Did: After His humility and obedience, God exalted Jesus to the highest place of honor.

Application: We are reminded that God honors those who walk in humility and obedience. Our focus should be on pleasing God, not gaining earthly applause.

3. Christ Empowers Us to Shine

Philippians 2:12-16

"Work out your own salvation... for it is God who works in you... shine as lights in the world."

What Christ Did: Christ, through the Holy Spirit, is actively working in believers—giving them both the desire and power to do what pleases God.

Application: In a dark world, we are called to reflect Christ's light through obedience, purity, and holding firmly to the Word of life.

Chapter 3 - PRIZE

1. Christ Is Our Greatest Gain

Philippians 3:7-9

"But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ..."

What Christ Did: Christ offered Paul a righteousness not based on law, but by faith.

Paul's Response: Paul gladly gives up his religious status and achievements to gain Christ.

Application: We are called to value Christ above all—our titles, achievements, and reputation pale in comparison to knowing Him.

2. Christ Is Our Resurrection Power

Philippians 3:10-11

"I want to know Christ — yes, to know the power of His resurrection..."

What Christ Did: Christ rose from the dead, defeating sin and death, and now empowers believers with resurrection life.

Paul's Response: Paul longs not just to know about Christ, but to experience His power in suffering and victory.

Application: We are strengthened to endure trials, knowing His resurrection power is at work in us today.

3. Christ Is Our Heavenly Goal

Philippians 3:13-14, 20

"Forgetting what is behind... I press on toward the goal to win the prize... our citizenship is in heaven."

What Christ Did: Christ secured our place in heaven — we belong to a higher kingdom.

Paul's Response: He refuses to be distracted by the past or present, but presses forward with heavenly focus.

Application: Live with eternity in view. Our identity and destiny are in Christ, not this world.

Chapter 4 - STRENGTH

1. Christ Is Our Peace

Philippians 4:6–7

“Do not be anxious about anything... and the peace of God... will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

What Christ Did: Through His death and resurrection, Christ made peace between God and us, and gives us inner peace through the Holy Spirit.

Paul’s Response: Paul urges believers to pray with thanksgiving rather than worry — trusting Christ’s peace to protect their hearts.

Application: Christians can live free from anxiety, confidently resting in God’s peace, no matter the circumstances.

2. Christ Is Our Strength

Philippians 4:13

“I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.”

What Christ Did: Christ provides divine strength to endure every situation — lack, abundance, hardship, or ease.

Paul’s Response: Paul declares that his ability to be content comes not from self, but from Christ’s ongoing strength.

Application: In every challenge, we draw strength from our union with Christ, not our own efforts.

3. Christ Is Our Provider

Philippians 4:19

“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.”

What Christ Did: Through His grace and riches, Christ supplies for the needs of His people — spiritually and physically.

Paul’s Response: Paul reassures the Philippians that their generosity toward him will not go unnoticed; Christ will take care of them.

Application: As we give, serve, and trust, Christ provides all we truly need — not just money, but peace, grace, and favor.

Conclusion

As we reflect on Philippians 4:13 and the life of Paul, we are reminded that true strength, peace, joy, and victory come not from our own abilities, but through our union with Christ. No matter the challenges, hardships, or trials we face, we can boldly declare, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” This is not a call to self-reliance, but to complete dependence on Jesus.

Let us embrace the truth that **A Believer Can Do Everything For GOD** — not by might, not by power, but by His Spirit within us. As we walk daily with Christ, He will initiate, sustain, and complete the good work in our lives. So, let us move forward with confidence, humility, and faith, knowing that with Jesus, we are more than conquerors.

Remember

CHRIST is our power | CHRIST is our example | CHRIST is our PRIZE
CHRIST is our strength

Paul clearly understood how deeply Christ loves him—how Christ gives hope and strength. No matter how many years we've been following Jesus, have you truly experienced the love of Christ? My dear friend, Jesus loves you too.

May you go from here strengthened in your spirit, empowered by His grace, and filled with His peace. Let your life be a testimony of what Christ can do through a willing heart. Amen.

