

Phil 14 – Ready For All Things PT 2 - Phil 4:10-13

Last Msg – we looked at that **Most Famous** - -
& **Most Mis-understood** Vs in *Phil Ch 4* - - **Phil 4:13**

& we made a **pretty clear case** that what Paul was saying was;

*“I am **strong** for all things in Christ who empowers me”*

*“I am **ready** for anything through the strength of the One who lives within me,” (**both LIT translations**)*

So it's **Really Important** that you get that last MSG
“Ready For All Things – PT 1”

So you can hear everything **leading up to** today's msg

Because **TODAY** – we're going to look at the **HOW??**

HOW ??? -- HOW can we be:

*“**strong** for all things in Christ who empowers us”*

*“**ready** for anything through the strength of the One who lives within me,”*

How in the world am I supposed **to go from;**

Living **IN** my circumstances -

to Living **INDEPENDENT** of my circumstances ? (*in last wk's msg*)

That's a **great question** - - Let's look at it !

Before we get started – we *must understand* -

Our Walk with Christ is a *“Life's Journey”* - isn't it ?

AS we walk w/ Jesus – we're *“transformed”* as we go – Right ?

So - **The goal** of this life is actually to

Know Christ better & better - **THRU all our circumstances**

Learning to: Trust Him more
Depend on Him more
Know His Strength & Fellowship – more & more

Which is 1 of the primary reasons God doesn't use the magic wand / quick fix technique - we wish He would

The good news is - there IS a process we can enter that will take us to the same Secret Discovery Paul made

The Secret Discovery that enabled Paul to say in **Phil 4:13**;

"I am strong for all things in Christ who empowers me"

Let's Pray

You know – Our Walk with God is a TWO PART walk . . .

& very often – it's our Not Knowing how sure God's Part is that causes us to be fearful in our Walk with Him

In our Walk with God there is a
"God-Part Part" - & an - "Our-Part Part"

The "God-Part Part" – is the Finished part (accomplished)
& the KEY to "Our-Part" - is Learning & Knowing God's Part

See if you can see this in **Phil 4:11-13**

V.11 – "I have learned"

V.12 – "I know how" – "I know how" – "I have learned"

V.13 – "I can do all things" LIT - ***I AM READY for all things***
I have the strength for all things

& the only place Jesus Christ is mentioned here is

V.13(b) – "through Christ who strengthens me"

Now – this doesn't mean it's ALL UP TO Paul –
it means God's ALREADY done His part

God's Part – in Christ – is **EVERYTHING** we need
to give us *the Strength* for **ANY** circumstance we'll face

Let's just look at 3 parts – of **God's Part**;

His **Providence**

His **Power**

His **Promise**

The 1st Part of “God's Part” is – God's Providence

providence comes from two Latin words:

pro = “*before*” - - & **video** = “*to see*” (*to see before hand*)

But it's not that God simply **sees** beforehand

It means God is **AT WORK** beforehand – in advance –
for the good of all those who are His Children

God's **AT WORK** – for your good – **ALREADY** –
BEFORE this circumstance came *crashing* into your life

Long before you knew about it – God was *already at work*
outside of time - **FOR YOUR GOOD !**

Working for your good **IN THE MIDST** of *your circumstance* -
BEFORE you even knew about your circumstance

The most often quoted Vs. re: *God's Providence* is . . .

Rom 8:28 (NIV)

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

God is **AT WORK** – in *Every Circumstance* – **for the good** of those
who *love Him* – who've *been called* according to *His purpose*

& the end of **Rom 8:28** actually *references the truth* that God has **ALWAYS** been at work for our good . . .

because He's **ALWAYS** known we would be His Children

If your taking notes – write Psa 139 (esp V.16-18)

This is **God's Providence** – We see it thru-out the Bible & it's **the 1st Part** of *God's Part* – that we must **KNOW** & **LEARN**

& we **must make it** a huge source of *confidence* for us to be **“READY FOR ALL THINGS”** thru Christ

The 2nd Part of “God's-Part” is – God's Power

The source of our *“Hidden strength”* is **God's power** *continually being poured* into us

Here in **Phil 4:13** – when it says *“Christ who strengthens me”* it means **LIT** - *“Pours Power into me”*

The **most important part** of the *Christian's life* is **sending down our roots** deep into *God's hidden source* of Power

God's Power is there – that's the **God-Part**
But **sending** the roots down to **access it** – that's the **Our-Part**

Phil 2:13 (NLT)

13 For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

God is working **IN YOU** – Right Now – *giving you* the Desire - & **THE POWER** – to walk with Him – *right thru this circumstance*

All you **have to do** is **access** that power

in Eph 1:19-20 Paul says (NLT)

19 I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power 20 that raised Christ from the dead . . .

The incredible greatness of **God's Power** (that raised Christ from dead) is **Available to US** . . . **THAT'S** God's Part . . .

It's available – to be Poured INTO us . . . so we can be **“strong (ready) for ALL THINGS - in Christ Who empowers us”**

God is at Work for our Good – we just got to trust Him
God's Power is there for us – we just got to access it

& The 3rd Part of “God's Part” is – God's Promise

God's promises to us are
too many to number - & - too massive to measure

But God's **Providence** - & God's **Power** – are there
to **bring about God's Promises** in our lives

THAT'S God's-Part - & He has already fully accomplished it
We've just got to learn to **Walk in it**

We see the great promises of God on every page of scripture

Right here – In Phil 4:19 (NLT)

19 And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

Guys – **THAT'S** a Promise - & God **keeps** His Promises

Back in Phil 1:6 Paul says;

6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

THAT'S a Promise - & God keeps His Promises

Rom 8:31-32 (NLT)

31 What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?

32 Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?

Rom 8:35 & 8:37 (NLT)

35 Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?

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37 No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

**Incredible – Supernatural Promises - WHY ?? - - to make us
“strong for ALL things in Christ who strengthens us”**

**God's promises - are for our Ultimate Overwhelming Victory
We've got to Believe them - & Walk in them**

**& God WILL NOT fail us in
His Providence – His Power – or His Promises**

So **the only thing** left – for us to grasp **the HOW** of
“*being ready (strong) for ALL things in Christ who strengthens us*”

The only thing left . . . is **the OUR-PART Part !!!**

Again - **Knowing** this is a *life-long process* of **transformation** . . .

What I **want to do** today - is to give you the **Daily Steps**,
in order to **Take Hold** – of this **Secret Strength**

In PHIL MSG # 12 (“*No Worries*”)
we looked at *the importance* of our **MIND**

We looked at how important it is - to *have the mind*
Paul describes in the **1st half** of **Phil Ch 4**

Actually - - **ALL THRU** Philipians
Paul’s been **addressing** the *critical importance* of **our mind**

& the “**Our-Part Part**” – has **a lot to do** with our **MIND** . . .

For us to ***be strong for ALL things in Christ who strengthens us***
We need to address **3 Issues of our MIND**

Those 3 Issues are :

- 1) Surrendering** our Mind (& life)
- 2) Renewing** our Mind (& life)
- 3) Guarding** our Mind (& life)

Step #1 – for HOW you can be **ready for all things**
in Christ who strengthens you . . .

Step #1 - SURRENDER YOUR MIND (& life)

Rom 12:1 → →

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1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies [totality of Self] a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

There's **one thing** you have got *to know* -

God **WILL NOT** Join you - **in your own will** for your life !!

He **knows better** – & His plan *is BETTER* than yours . . .

& He's **already** proved it by;

His **Providence** – His **Power** - & His **Promise**

if we will simply **SURRENDER** our *own will* to God
as a *living sacrifice* . . .

HE WILL BRING HIS GREAT PLAN TO PASS IN OUR LIFE !

The **1st Step** is – We must **STOP** fighting God to *get our own way*
& completely **SURRENDER** our lives to **HIM** . . .

so **He can** bring *His good & perfect will* to pass in our lives

Which (as **Rom 12:1** says) is our **ONLY Reasonable Response**
to Him **being Lord** of our lives

Step #1 Of Our Part – SURRENDER Your Mind (& life) . . .

Step #2 – for HOW you can be *ready for all things*
in Christ who strengthens you . . .

Step #2 - RENEW YOUR MIND (& life)

Rom 12:2

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Renew your mind – so that you may “**PROVE**” (know by testing) what is God’s good & perfect will for your life . . .

“**Renew your mind**” means to Renovate – like Renovating a house

So **first** – **you do demolition** - & throw out all the old junk
& then you **Renovate** - by bringing ALL NEW stuff in

& **THAT** is exactly what **PHIL MSG #12** (“No Worries”) was about

Look over at **PHIL CH 4** – Follow me from **V.4 – V.8**

Renovate your mind

Throw out the Old - & Bring in the New - BY:

(4:4) Rejoicing in the Lord always

(v.5) Letting your gentleness be known to all

(v.6) Being anxious for nothing, instead by
Prayer, Supplication, & Thanksgiving
roll your burdens over to God

(v.7) Then let the Peace of God guard your heart & mind

(v.8) & then **Focus your mind ONLY on** what is;
True - Noble – Just – Pure – Lovely –
of Good Report - Virtuous - & Praise Worthy

Get a complete Renovation of your mind

Throw Out ALL the Old Junk - & **Bring In** ALL New Life

Right Now – You might very well be saying . . . **HOW ??**

Renovating your mind comes from 3 Daily Actions:

- 1) **Daily Prayer** – in the area you need a renovation
- 2) **Daily Bible Study** – in the area you need a renovation
- 3) **Daily Discipleship** – in the area you need a renovation

If you **really want** Your life to be *transformed* -
You **MUST** follow this "*Renovation Schedule*"

- 1) **Daily Prayer** – *in the area* you need a renovation
 - 2) **Daily Bible Study** – *in the area* you need a renovation
 - 3) **Daily Discipleship** – *in the area* you need a renovation
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Step #1 Of Our Part – SURRENDER Your Mind (& life) . . .

Step #2 Of Our Part – RENEW Your Mind (& life) . . .

Step #3 – for HOW you can be *ready for all things*
***in Christ* who strengthens you . . .**

Step #3 - GUARD YOUR MIND (& life)

Your Surrendered MIND - & Your Renewed MIND
has **3 Constant Enemies** . . .

Your Flesh - The World - The Devil

These 3 enemies **ALL** have the **ability** to *destroy you*

& so - your Surrendered & Renewed Mind
must be on constant Guard - *against these 3 enemies*

Let me suggest 3 messages from W-B-M

“Overcoming Spiritual Strongholds”

”Spiritual Warfare – PART 1 & PART 2”

These msgs come out of **Eph Ch 6** – which *we really need*
to make part of our Regular **Prayer, Bible Study, Discipleship**

In order to **GUARD** our Surrendered & Renewed Minds

Eph 6:10-18 gives us the process;
of replacing the **Destructive** things in our Lives
with **Godly** things in our Lives

Turn over to Eph 6 - & follow me thru it;

V.14 - Put on Truth instead of Lies

V.14 - Put on Righteousness instead of Sin

V.15 - Put on the Gospel of Peace instead of Conflict

V.16 - Take up the Shield of Faith instead of Fear

V.17 - Take up Helmet of Salvation instead of the Logic of the world

V.17 - Take up the Word of God instead of Prime-Time TV

& **as we learn** to **Put-On**

this Spiritual Armor described here in **Eph Ch 6**

We **can successfully GUARD** our Hearts & Minds
from the **3 enemies** that want so bad – to destroy us

& **remember** – the battle *ALWAYS BEGINS IN OUR MINDS !!*

That's why Paul says so clearly in 1Cor 10:4-5

***4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God
for pulling down strongholds,***

***5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself
against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into
captivity to the obedience of Christ,***

Don't be so easily DUPED by your 3 enemies ;

Your **Flesh** – The **World** – The **Devil** . . .

Study the Bible about these weapons – **Pray** about these weapons
Be Discipled in the Battle of Spiritual Warfare

& you will learn to **Guard your mind** – which is **STEP # 3**
of the "Our-Part" Part . . .

SOOOO . . . to summarize

In order to be able to say with Paul in **Phil 4:13**

13 I can do [be strong for] ***all things through Christ who strengthens me . . .***

FIRST – we've got to *Learn* - & - *Know* **God's Part;**

1) His **Providence**

(He's at work right now . . .)

2) His **Power**

(always available to be "poured into" you)

3) His **Promises**

('In Christ' you already HAVE overwhelming Victory)

SECOND - we've got to begin to *Live* **Our Part;**

A **Surrendered** Mind (& life)

A **Renewed** Mind (& life)

A **Guarded** Mind (& life)

& this **New Mind** (& **New Life**) comes from a

Consistent - Focused - Dedication to;

1) **Daily Prayer** – *in the area* you need a renovation

2) **Daily Bible Study** – *in the area* you need a renovation

3) **Daily Discipleship** – *in the area* you need a renovation

You & I can truly be

READY for ALL things, In Christ who strengthens us

STRONG for ALL things, In Christ who strengthens us

We can **learn the SECRET** of Living in Peace & Contentment
independent of our external circumstances

We **truly can say** with Paul – In the Right Meaning . . .

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me

Let's Pray