

Phil 4

Pt. 3 - I Can Do All Things

Lessons from Paul's battle with pressure:

Pressure doesn't create, it reveals.

Real joy is not situational, it's eternal.

Mt. 24:4 "Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁵For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. ⁶You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁷Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸All these are the beginning of birth pains. ⁹"Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. ¹⁰At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, ¹¹ and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. ¹²Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold...

Key Question: What will pressure reveal in me?

I can learn to be content.

Phil. 4:10 I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹²I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want...

Content: Satisfied with what one is or has; not wanting more or anything else.

Even when I experience difficult and horrible circumstances, God is in control.

Phil. 4:13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Key Lesson: Rely on Jesus.

Because Jesus is with me, I can rely on Him for strength.