**Philippians 4: 10 -19**

**Focal Truth: God provides for believer’s as they care for one another**

**Observations**

1. God uses the giving of believers for one another as they have opportunity – 4:10
2. Believers must learn the spiritual discipline of contentment in all their circumstances

4: 11 – 13

1. Contentment in all circumstances is holy indifference to the circumstances

I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am – 4:11

I know how to get along with humble means – 4:12

I know how to live in prosperity – 4:12

I have learned the secret of being filled or going hungry, having abundance or suffering need, in any & every circumstance 4:12

1. Believers experience the power of Christ in all the circumstances of life – 4:13
2. I can do all things – any circumstance, anytime of need, anytime of prosperity

Through Christ who strengthens me

Col. 1:11 – strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience, joyously

Eph. 3:16 – that He would grant to you, according to the riches of His glory to be strengthened with power through the Holy Spirit in the inner man

2 Cor. 12:9 – My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me

1. Believers care for one another in their afflictions – 4:14 -16
2. They share their resources & time with other believers in their affliction - 14
3. They share regardless of if others care for the believers or not – 15
4. They share as often as they can for believers in affliction – 16
5. Believers who care for others are blessed by God - 4:17
6. Believers bless the believer they care for in their affliction – 4:18
7. I have everything in full & abundance
8. I am amply supplied
9. The gift is a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well – pleasing to God
10. God provides for those who care for other believers in their afflictions – 4:19

2 Cor. 9:8 – and God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed

**Things to remember**

1. Whatever my circumstances I can endure by the power of Christ
2. Learning to be indifferent to my circumstances helps me avoid despair, unbelief, or fear
3. God has designed that believer’s take care of believer’s – Phil. 2:4 – do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others
4. God uses believers to bless afflicted believers in their difficulties
5. Nothing brings greater satisfaction than seeing the joyfulness of those who received our ministry of care

**Paul’s example of spiritual contentment**

“my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel” Phil 1:12

“for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am” Phil. 4:11

“ I can do all things through Him who strengthens me” Phil 4:13