

Jn4:10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity.

4:11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:

4:12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

4:14 Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress.

[From today's sermon.

Paul said, "I rejoice greatly in the Lord. In the original language, this is "I rejoiced greatly in the Lord," meaning that the Lord rejoiced greatly in Paul rather than rejoicing himself. What brought about the rejoicing was that the people of the Philippian church had finally revived their feelings toward Paul.

Specifically, apparently, financial support by the Philippian church, but Paul rejoices in their hearts even more.

Even in the midst of material need and poverty, he has learned through experience the way to be content in the midst of it all. Even in the midst of riches, he is not drowned by them, and "I know the secret of dealing with all circumstances," he says.

We think about the conditions of happiness, saying, "If I am not happy, I am not happy," but the fulfillment of that wish does not necessarily make us happy. We are with the One who delights us greatly in times of riches and in times of poverty, who strengthens us, nurtures us, and makes us strong. When that One is with us, it does not matter what our circumstances are, because He strengthens and delights us. This is the situation that Paul has reached, and he passionately wants the Philippians to know that joy, and to know that "I can do anything through him who strengthens me.

Good morning everyone. Finally, November has arrived. There are only two months left in this year. It doesn't feel like November because the weather has been warm for so long.

Finally, the book of Philippians will come to an end in this and the next issue. How much comfort and strength we have received from this powerful message from the prison. Paul has been put in prison, he is finished, everything he said and believed is useless, what are we going to do without him after this? What will happen to us after we lose him? Will we just fall apart without the center? No, no, never. Look up to God and live. Live believing in God. Live with

God as our hope. And live in God's love. This book teaches us the importance of these things.

4:10 Now I rejoice in the Lord, because now at last there has sprung up in you a heart that thinks of me. 4:10 Now I rejoice in the Lord, because now at last your hearts are beginning to think of me, and you have been mindful of me, but you have not had a good opportunity.

The Greek transliteration of the phrase "I am greatly pleased in the Lord" would be "I have been greatly pleased in the Lord. The Lord was greatly pleased with Paul. What made God so pleased with him?

Paul said, "Now I rejoice in the Lord, because now at last your heart for me has sprouted up again.

At last you have revived my thoughts for me, you have revived my mind, you have revived my thoughts, you have revived, restored, revived, revitalized, revitalized, revitalized. He tells us that he is glad for that.

In fact, you have been mindful of me, but have not had a good opportunity."

There are times when we have been thinking about it for some time, but have not had the opportunity to do it. There are times when we think about it, but fail to put it into action. What is Paul saying that the Philippians were thinking about but not doing because of a lack of opportunity?

4:11 I do not say this because I am poor. I have learned to be sufficient in all circumstances.

He tells us that it is not because of Paul's financial support that compensates for his poverty that he "thought of me again at last, and revived my thoughts." It is true that Paul speaking of this may directly stem from his gratitude to the Philippian church for giving something again at this time, but he makes it clear here that for him material poverty is not his problem. He has learned through experience the art of contentment, for he has been greatly pleased by the Lord. Therefore, what greatly pleased the Lord was the sincerity of the people of the Philippian church, which went beyond material assistance.

4:12 I know the way to poverty, and I know the way to riches. I know the secret of dealing with all kinds of circumstances, whether we are hungry or wretched, whether we are rich or poor.

I know the way to live in lowliness and poverty. He knows the way to live with more than he has and more than he needs. He has been through many circumstances.

The path of living in poverty must have been painful. In contrast, he also knew the path of living in wealth, of getting more than enough to live beyond his needs.

Do we think? We might think that being able to endure poverty is a secret, but that we should just enjoy it without thinking anything about riches, that there is no such thing as a secret. However, the Bible speaks of the dangers of arrogance and forgetfulness of God that can be caused by wealth.

Hosea 13:5 I have known thee in the wilderness, and in the land of the poor; I have seen thee in the land of the rich, and in the land of the poor, and in the land of the poor.

Hosea 13:6 But they ate, and were weary, and became weary, and their hearts were lifted up, and they forgot me.

Proverbs 30:7 Two things I ask of thee, that thou fulfill them before I die.

30:8 Keep away from me lies and deceit, and feed me neither with poverty nor riches, but only with food that I need.

30:9 That I may not be bored and say, I do not know you, and say, Who is the Lord?

Life is two-fold, and we never want to experience poverty and suffering, but through that poverty and suffering, we can know God's deep protection, and we can feel the presence of God who lives to help us out, and even though we are promised a life without any inconvenience due to our wealth, we are still able to experience the joy of God's love. And even with the promise of a life of wealth and freedom, we can still feel an inexpressible loneliness and scarcity in our hearts. Paul, in the midst of all kinds of guidance from the God who is with him, finally, in the midst of poverty and in the midst of riches, is able to be content in whatever circumstances he is in, through the God who "loves without change in sickness and in health, in riches and in poverty," as the wedding vows say. But through Him who "loves us in sickness and in health, in riches and in poverty, without change," we have "learned the secret of how to cope with all circumstances.

2 Corinthians 6:8 Whether praised or reviled, whether maligned or well received, we present ourselves as servants of God. We seem to deceive men, and yet we are truthful; we are not known by men,

6:9 Though we seem to be unknown to men, yet we are known; though we seem to be dying, yet behold, we are alive; though we seem to be being chastised, yet we are not killed,

6:10 Though he seems to be sorrowful, yet he is ever glad; though he seems to be poor, yet he makes many rich; though he seems to have nothing, yet he has everything.

2 Corinthians 11:22 Are they Hebrews? So am I, and so am I, and so am I. Are they Israelites? I also am. Are they Abraham's descendants? I also am.

11:23 Are they the servants of Christ? I say in my madness, I am more so than they. For I have suffered more hardships, and have been imprisoned more often, and have been whipped far more often, and have met with death more often.

11:24 Five times I received from the Jews a whipping that was less than forty; five times I received from the Romans a whipping that was less than forty,

11:25 Three times he was whipped by the Romans, once by a stone, three times he was shipwrecked, and once he drifted on the sea for a day and a night.

11:26 And he journeyed many times, and met with the tribulation of rivers, and with the tribulation of robbers, and with the tribulation of his own people, and with the tribulation of the Gentiles, and with the tribulation of the cities, and with the tribulation of the wilderness, and with the tribulation of the sea, and with the tribulation of false brothers,

11:27 And he labored and suffered, and often had sleepless nights, and was hungry and wretched, and often had no food, and was freezing cold, and was naked.

11:28 And besides all these things, there are the concerns of the churches which come to me daily.

11:29 How can I not be weak when someone is weak? 11:29 Shall I not be weak when any man sinneth, and my heart be not burned?

11:30 If I must boast, I will boast in my weakness.

11:31 God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is praiseworthy forever, knows that I do not speak falsely.

11:32 For there was a time when the deputies of King Aleta kept watch over the city of the Damascenes in Damascus, that they might seize me,

11:33 And he suspended me by a basket from a window against the wall of the city, and I escaped from his hand.

4:13 I can do anything through Him who strengthens me.

In the end, this is what is most important to us, the Bible tells us emphatically. What we really and ultimately need is "He who strengthens me" before material prosperity. As long as we live, we must experience "all kinds of circumstances. If we pursue wealth and win it, we will not be

free from all the struggles of the world. If we become poor or ill, it does not mean that our life will end irretrievably. What we really need is “the One who strengthens me. And through Him who strengthens and empowers us, we “can do anything,” we can do anything. What an amazing thing!

Paul tells the Philippian church members to keep their eyes on that. Paul rejoices that God has been pleased with me greatly because the time of such faith has come again to the believers of the church in Philippi, that they should revive that kind of faith, that they should aspire to keep their eyes on God instead of letting their eyes be caught up in outward things.

I have learned to be content in all circumstances.

4:12 I know the way to poverty, and I know the way to riches. I know the secret of dealing with all kinds of circumstances, whether I am hungry or thirsty, whether I am rich or poor.

4:13 I can do anything through Him who strengthens me.

4:10 Now I rejoice in the Lord, because now at last there has sprung up in you a heart that thinks of me.

We are thus renewed today with faith and hope that “I can do anything through Him who strengthens me,” that our hearts will always be sprouting, breathing, reviving, and reviving for the One who fills us in the depths of our souls and is able to fill us with riches, no matter what our circumstances are. I hope that today you will renew your faith and hope that “I can do anything through Him who strengthens me.

4:14 But how dare you share my affliction with me!

You have helped me well, appropriately, and skillfully in times of trouble, in times of need, in times of anguish, heartache, and grief, in times of pain and fatigue, in times of distress and hardship, in times of poverty and privation, in difficult circumstances and suffering. Paul speaks.

When we think deeply about someone and words of prayer are offered, even though we may not have the opportunity to do so often, if our thoughts and prayers are there, God will surely use us as vessels of comfort to those in need, both materially and spiritually.

Romans 12:5 For though we be many, yet we are one body in Christ, and each one of us a member of the other.

12:6 For thus, since by the grace given to us we have different gifts, if it be prophecy, we prophesy according to our faith; if it be service, according to our works; if it be love, according to our works; if it be love, according to our faith, according to our works,

12:7 If it is service, then serve; if he is a teacher, then teach; if he is an exhorter, then exhort; if he is an exhorter, then exhort,

12:8 If he who recommends, he should recommend; if he donates, he should donate generously; if he instructs, he should instruct diligently; and if he gives charity, he should give charity willingly.

12:9 There should be no deceitfulness in love. Hate and repel evil, but befriend goodness,

12:10 Love one another with the love of a brother, and honor one another willingly.

12:11 Serve the LORD with zeal, without stint, burning with the spirit,

12:12 Be joyful in hope, endure tribulation, pray always.

12:13 Help the poor saints, and entertain the sojourner with all diligence.

12:14 Bless those who persecute you. Bless and do not curse.

12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

12:16 Be one in your thoughts, not puffed up with pride, but fellowship with those who are lowly. 12:16 Be not puffed up with pride, but have fellowship with those who are lowly; and think not thyself to be wise.

12:17 Repay evil to no one with evil, but do good to all men.

12:18 Be ye peaceable with all men, as far as ye can.

12:19 Beloved, do not take vengeance on yourselves. Do not take vengeance on yourselves, but rather leave it to the wrath of God. For “the LORD says. Vengeance is what I will do. For it is written, “I myself will take vengeance.

12:20 Rather, “If your enemy hunger, let him eat; if he thirst, let him drink. By so doing, you will be piling burning coals on his head.

12:21 Do not be defeated by evil. Instead, overcome evil with good.

No matter what our circumstances are, we learn to be sufficient and know the secret of dealing with all kinds of circumstances. I can do anything through Him who strengthens me!

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for today's worship. God is always very pleased with us. He loves us, nurtures us, and strengthens us. With Him, “we learn to be content with our circumstances” and “He has given us the secret to cope with any situation at any time. Thanks to Him who strengthens me, everything is possible for me. Thank you for this joy and peace. Please bring all sufferers into God's salvation and peace. Bless our families and our community. Use us. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.