



Message Outline

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Philippians 4:10-13

PHILIPPIANS 4:12

The Secret of Contentment

Series: *The Verse before the Verse*

THREE CULTURAL PRESSURES

Perfection

Performance

Potential

THE FAMOUS VERSE BY ITSELF

Philippians 4:13

THE VERSE(S) BEFORE THE VERSE

Philippians 4:10-13

Typical take on Phil 4:13

Success
Getting everything you want
Contentment is circumstantial

Better take on Phil 4:13

Strength
Handling everything you get
Contentment is a choice



HomeGroup Questions

Spring Session 2019

PHILIPPIANS 4:12 – The Secret of Contentment

Philippians 4:10-13

1. When was the poorest (financial) season of your life? Were you content? Do you look at it fondly or not?
2. How does our culture breed discontentment?
3. Read Philippians 4:10-13 and review the points of the message. What is the typical way you've heard vs. 13 used? What is enhanced in your understanding from the context?
4. Look at Philippians 1:13-14. What were Paul's circumstances when he wrote this letter?
5. How was it possible for Paul to find contentment in prison? Do you think it was from reading the Old Testament? Writing the New Testament? Focusing on Christ? Other?
6. Verse 12 is the VERSE-BEFORE-THE-VERSE. Look more closely at that. How does this inform the way to look at verse 13?
7. Using the chart at the bottom of your outline, select one contrast you want to discuss further. Be prepared to share your thoughts with the group.

What can your group pray about this week? Take time to share prayer requests and pray together.