

PROMISES

Bottom Line: “God’s strength always delivers for His glory not yours”

Key Scripture: Philippians 4:10-13, Judges 6, 7

Engage

On July 27, 2009 Florida Gators quarterback Tim Tebow, had a famous Bible verse under his eyes on the cover of Sports Illustrated. I’m not trying to beat up on Tim, but this shows us how people have misunderstood this passage for a long time. If two players on different teams claim this verse and one wins and one doesn’t... what does that mean about this verse? Like Tebow, Philippians 4:13 functions as a kind of mystical incantation for many Christians. They recite the passage when they need to draw power from another place to defeat an enemy or conquer a difficult task.

1. What are ways you have seen Philippians 4:13 used?
2. Read Philippians 4:10-13. After reading it in context, what do you think Paul is saying here?

Unpack

Take a moment and read through Judges 6 and 7.

3. What is something that sticks out you in with the events around Gideon?
4. How did Gideon see himself and how did God see Him?

Apply

Through the events of Gideon, we learn a few things about God’s strength. God’s strength is with you. It helps you push through and it sees your potential. God’s strength requires us to trust Him. To properly align ourselves with Him and it requires us to move. But it is always given with the idea that no matter what we face or what we go through, HE gets all the glory.

5. What is something you have learned or been reminded about God’s strength today?
6. Where is an area you need to step into in order to revive God’s strength in your life?