



STRENGTH

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It is one of the most quoted verses from the Bible. But people rarely quote the verses that precede it and put it into context:

'Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.'
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This is the Passion week when we look forward to Easter Sunday and the celebration of the resurrection of Christ. His resurrection gives us peace with God and eternal life. And Galatians 2:20 tells us that "I am crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." His death gives us life and His life in us gives us strength to endure any circumstance. And we not only can endure, but we also can be content, because Christ gives us strength to do so.

We are living in difficult times. We do not know what is going to happen or when it will end. But none of this took God by surprise. He knew we would not be able to gather together for Easter this Sunday. And even though we would all love to be together, we can be content as we worship at home in His presence. We can do it through Him who strengthens us.

Thank Him for the strength He gives today.