

Connection Group Bible Study 05/22/2019
Common Christian Sayings
“I can do all things through Christ”

7:00 Open in Prayer

7:00-7:30 Talk/Fellowship/Ice Breaker

7:30-8:20

Announcements:

Men’s Breakfast is THIS Saturday May 25th. (BBQ Tri-Tip & Chicken Thighs)

Memorial Day Fellowship is THIS Sunday May 26th. The church will be providing the burgers & hot dogs. If you would like to bring a side dish but wasn’t able to sign-up, bring it with you this Sunday.

Night of Worship is next Wednesday May 29th. 7:00 - 8:00pm

Prayer Nights are back for the month of June. We will meet at the church Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00pm for Prayer & Worship.

Tonight we will be continuing our study of common Christian sayings that are widely accepted but need to be examined in context to determine their legitimacy.

What saying did we discuss last week?

Can anyone talk about something from last week’s study that stuck with you?

Tonight we will be looking at the quote:

“I can do all things through Christ”.

Have you heard someone say this before? Where is it from?

What do you think this saying means?

In what situations do you hear it being used?

This saying is pulled from scripture found in Philippians.

Read Philippians 4:13

This scripture is often used when a person is facing a difficult situation. It is written on walls as a motivational slogan, chanted in locker rooms before a big game, quoted before closing a business deal, making a large transaction, or while going through a trial. Speaking this scripture in those situations can make us feel more confident and in a sense it is acknowledging that we are recognizing the need for Christ...but it is often being used out of context.

Scripture wasn't written so that we could "cherry pick" what works for us and applying only that to our lives, without even knowing the context it was written in. This scripture was written by Paul while he was under house arrest awaiting trial. He was facing a possible death sentence for preaching the gospel. He was writing this letter facing the possibility that this may be the last letter he writes.

Read Philippians 4:1-23 and discuss everything Paul is saying to the church in Philippi and how we are using this out of context at times.

What are the dangers of quoting scripture out of context?

How do you find out the actual context of scripture?

God is so much bigger than we make Him out to be sometimes. Christ's strength fuels something far greater than our best efforts; it fuels our faith. It means that through whatever life hands to us His strength is our contentment.

Close in prayer.