



Week Five: March 7, 2021
Shine Like Stars
Philippians 4:12-13

Paul writes that we can “shine like stars in the universe”.

In Philippians, we see that if we are to shine:

- We must not grumble.
- We must have the same mindset as Christ.
- We must turn our anxiousness over to God in prayer.
- We must focus on good stuff.

Today, Paul tells us that we shine when we are empowered by Christ.

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I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.

When we live by Christ's strength:

- I. Every circumstance empowers us to trust. 2 Timothy 4:17
But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.
- II. Any act of service empowers us to praise. 1 Peter 4:11
If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.
- III. Our salvation empowers us to share. Ephesians 1:18-20
I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at the right hand in the heavenly realms ...

We shine when we live by Christ's strength and not our own.