

Week 3:

Peace In Difficult Circumstances



Questions

1. What illustration, story or scripture had the greatest impact on you this week?
2. Why is it so difficult to be genuinely content? What factors in our world make this so? What factors in our hearts make this so?
3. When did you go through a difficult circumstance without having contentment? What was that season like for you? How could God have helped you?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10. What does it look like to be strong when you are weak?
5. In your search for contentment, what things have you turned to rather than turning to Jesus?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 11:22-28. Paul went through some stuff in his life for the sake of Jesus. What sacrifices have you made to share the message of Jesus? Now read Philippians 4:10-13. In the midst of all of his difficulties, how did Paul find contentment?

Scripture References

Philippians 4:10-13; 2 Corinthians 11:22-28, Hebrews 12:2-3

Suggested reading: All of Philippians for this sermon series.

Takeaways

- Contentment does not come from living without difficult circumstances, but rather having peace in the midst of them.
- Peace and contentment are possible regardless of your circumstances, as long as you're in a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Developing contentment during difficult circumstances
 - Break the mental link between contentment and circumstances, peace and prosperity.
 - Embrace the learning curve of contentment.
 - Practice letting Jesus meet your deepest needs.

Weekly Action Step

Set a reminder on your phone to write down what it would take for you to be content that day. Then pray for God to bring you contentment in those circumstances and to remove each thing on your list that keeps you from being content.