Personal Application and Group Interaction:

1) What are some of your recent reasons to rejoice? In what ways do people prompt you to rejoice?

2) What do your concerns cost you?

3) What do your investments (financial transactions) say about you?

4) How have God's people shown their concern for you? What did it cost them to show their concern for you? What did the Lord Jesus have to do with their concern? What have you done in response to their concern for you

5) Contentment can be learned. In what ways has that proven to be your experience?

6) Paul cites extreme conditions under which he experienced contentment. How can you relate to what he's saying? What other conditions might you apply to your need to learn contentment?

7) What was the context for Paul's confident statement, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength?" What do you think "everything" included for him? What did it not include? How does this statement go way beyond a locker room's winning slogan? How does God give you the strength to do "everything?"

I Can Do It!

Philippians 4:10-14

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"I can do it!" They sound like the words of a self-made individual. The poem *"Invictus",* by William Ernest Henley, proclaims, "I am the master of my fate. I am the captain of my soul." It sounds both proud and heroic. But, could there be something missing? We all stand on the shoulders of others. Those who would grow in their relationship to Christ will spend a lifetime recognizing and rejoicing in this truth from God's word, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

Reason to rejoice:

Concern can be costly:

Contentment can be learned:

"I can do all everything through him who gives me strength!"