

One of my favorite scriptures is Phil. 4:13; 'I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me'. This is quite a powerful feeling, the feeling that we can do anything. I have felt it sometimes; but Paul evidently felt it at all times because of the strength he obtained from God. It came to me the other day that in addition to the direct injection of strength that he can give us, we also can feel this because we know that he is behind us, that he supports us. There is a parallel to our other relationships. I know that we derive so much strength from our family relationships. When there are problems at home, we just don't seem to have the energy to do anything for worrying about making things right. But when things get settled, we feel as if we could do anything, as though a great burden were lifted off of our shoulders. I think that the same idea extends to our spiritual family, the church. One of the great benefits of our assembling together is to gain strength from each other. Many times this can only be done by making our relationship right with God and the rest of his family. We must realize that we are at our most powerful effectiveness as a Christian when we know that God and the church are behind us, supporting us. If you don't feel this power, and you want to make things right publicly, won't you come as we stand and sing this song...