

## **“We Can do all things through Christ!”**

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There are many things in life that we as ranchers face in our everyday lives and responsibilities that we can accomplish. Life down on the ranch and farm however includes a long list of daily chores and responsibilities. In any one day we can pull a calf, fix a fence, clip the show cattle, feed the cows, vaccinate the herd, plant some crops, cut or bale hay just to name a few. There seems at times that we have no limitations to what we can accomplish with our lives down on the ranch and farm. Yet, after an honest evaluation we have all come to understand that even us ranchers and farmers we do have personal and limitations.

In Philippians 4:13, Paul says these words, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Paul is saying that what Christ gives us vision and passion to conceive He gives us strength to achieve. Paul says we can do all things through HIS strength. One translation of this verse reads like this, “In Union with CHRIST, who infuses us with strength, I can do all things.” This is great news and should bring much HOPE to our hearts today!

Is it possible that Christ may lead us into some tasks in our daily lives that would be impossible to accomplish on our own? I certainly think so! Those tasks may not so much be the physical aspects of ranching but they sure do apply to our spiritual lives. Here are just a few thoughts that come immediately to my heart and mind, “Love God with all heart, soul, mind and strength and love your neighbor as yourself,” also how about “forgive those who sin against you” or what about this command, “if you love me keep my commandments.”

If we look closely we can see the secret to an abiding and supernatural strength to accomplish what Christ is asking us to do –it is all in HIS name, CHRIST focuses on the reality of the strength we need and have as believers to accomplish ALL that He asks us to do, but we must abide in HIM. As Gods created beings, but even more as children of God we are commanded and called to live a life of love, forgiveness and obedience. In and of ourselves we do not possess the strength to achieve such spiritual affluence but through CHRIST we do!

My encouragement to you today is to look to Jesus Christ and abide in HIM for through HIM you can do all things. Christ promises to be your strength, he promises to provide you the strength you need to walk in love and obedience to Him and also to walk in love and forgiveness with others. It is true my friends, **YOU CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS YOU!**

In Christ's love

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