

Discussion Guide for Philippians 4:9-13

1. Read Philippians 4:9-13 and briefly review the sermon outline.

The target time is five minutes.

What parts of Saturday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear or troubling?

2. Truth: It is possible to be content in any of life's situations and circumstances. Contentment for today is greatly enhanced when we can look back and remember how God has been faithful to us in the past. When we see how God providentially controlled our steps, it reassures us that He will do the same tomorrow. We see how God brought us through hard times in the past, it reassures us that He will get us through the challenges of today.

God's providence is when God exercises His control through natural means and human choices. He is doing this constantly.

Think of the life of Joseph. His path goes from receiving a colorful coat all the way to being a ruler in Egypt. What are some examples of God's providence in Joseph's path?

Look back at your life: Share an example from your own life of how God's providence guided your path.

How do these testimonies give you confidence for tomorrow?

God's strength getting us through difficult times:

Look back at your life: Share a time when God gave you the strength to make it through a difficult situation.

How do these testimonies give you confidence for tomorrow?