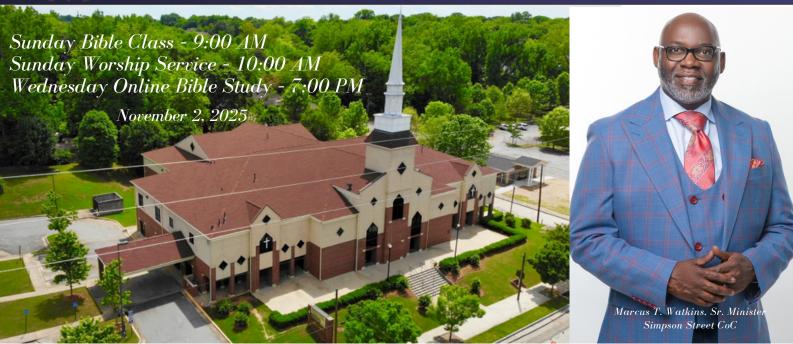




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## Learning How To Deal With It

PHILIPPIANS 4:11-13
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#### Main Idea:

This message emphasizes that true contentment and strength come only through Christ, not from circumstances, possessions, or people. Using Paul's words from Philippians 4:11–13, the message teaches believers how to "deal with it"—whatever "it" is in life—by trusting God completely, maintaining balance, and learning spiritual maturity through trials.

#### **Key Lessons:**

- 1. Contentment Is Learned
- 2. Life Has Ups and Downs
- 3. Keep a Divine Perspective
- 4. Avoid Emotional Extremes
- 5. Christ Is the Source of Strength





YOU HAVE TO SEE YOUR SITUATION FROM GOD'S POINT OF VIEW, STOP LOOKING AT THE PROBLEM AND START LOOKING AT THE PROFESSOR, HE'S NOT PUNISHING YOU, HE'S PREPARING YOU, HE'S NOT IGNORING YOU, HE'S INSTRUCTING YOU, HE'S AND THE AREA OF THE AS A TEST, THE MESS AS A MESSAGE AND THE RATTLE AS A LESSON.



YOU HAVE TO TAP INTO THE POWER SOURCE. YOU CAN'T DEAL WITH IT ON YOUR OWN. YOU NEED A POWER THAT ISN'T YOUR OWN. HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT, AND HIS POWER IS MADE PERFECT IN YOUR WEAKNESS.

CQUIRED CONTENTMENT.

YOU HAVE TO PRACTICE THE LESSON. LEARNING IS ACTIVE. YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE TO BE CONTENT. WHEN THE WORRY COMES, CHOOSE PRAYER. WHEN THE FEAR COMES, CHOOSE FAITH. WHEN THE LACK COMES, CHOOSE THANKFULNESS FOR WHAT YOU DO HAVE. YOU ACQUIRE CONTENTMENT BY MAKING THE CHOICE, TO TRUST GOD'S PROVISION AND HIS PROCESS.

# EARNED CONFIDENCE.

THIS IS THE OUTCOME. AFTER YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH THE TEST A FEW TIMES, YOU DEVELOP A HOL'S EWAGGER. NOT CONFIDENCE IN YOUR GOD. CONFIDENCE IN YOUR GOD. CONFIDENCE IN YOUR GOD. OU CAN LOOK THE DEVIL IN THE EYE AND SA!, MY GOD HAS BROUGHT ME THROUGH WORSE THAN THIS!" YOU LEARN THAT FHE DID IT BEFORE, HE LL DO IT AGAIN. YOU KNOW BOTH HOW TO BE ABASED AND NOW TO ABOUND, BECAUSE YOU KNOW

#### ATTENDANCE:

Bible Study - 54 Worship Service - 241 Virtual - 247

#### BAPTISMS / YTD 25

Welcome New Members

- Emma Harris (14 vo)
- LaKentra Clemens (16 yo)
- De'Tori Bell (13 yo)



**REMINDER:** Wednesday Night Bible Study via Zoom - 7:00PM

**REMINDER:** The last Wednesday of each month is Wednesday Night Prayer Service via Zoom - 7:00PM

REMINDER: The last Sunday of each month is *Casual Sunday* 

#### **Practical Application:**

Paul's example teaches four principles for handling life's challenges:

- 1. Divine Perspective View problems as opportunities for God to teach and shape you.
- 2. <u>Enduring Power</u> Depend on God's strength, not your own.
- 3. <u>Acquired Contentment</u> Choose to be content; it's an acquired spiritual taste that comes through discipline.
- 4. Learned Confidence Walk with spiritual boldness, knowing who you are in Christ.

#### **Final Encouragement:**

Everyone is "dealing with something"—but God is still in control. When you lose a job, a friend, or a sense of stability, you don't lose your identity. Your circumstances may change, but your calling and your worth in God do not. Like Paul, you can say:

"I've learned how to deal with it... because I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 15<sup>th</sup> - Men's Study: The Titus 10 at 9:00 AM

**November 15<sup>th</sup>** - Ladies Bible Class (Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday): Bind Us Together at 10:00 AM see Gloria Watkins for details

**REMINDER:** Thanksgiving Food Drive going on now - Please see flyer for items needed. You can start bringing in non-perishable, dry goods and canned good now. Fresh fruits, veggies, breads and meats due the week of Thanksgiving. See Tyree Bernard for details

**REMINDER:** Christmas Angel Tree Toy Drive going on now - Please brings gifts or unwrapped toys on or before Christmas Eve. See Carolyn Neal, Christina Bernard or Tyree Bernard for details

**December 6, 2025** - The Ladies Ministry at Schaffer Road CoC will host, "What's the Tea On God". Marietta, GA 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM, Speakers: Sis Tonya Wilkerson and Sis Reba Okollo

**February 28, 2026** - Please join us for our annual Extravaganza at the Douglasville Convention Center (Douglasville, GA). Theme: We Have Come This Far By Faith. Deadline for registration is January 31st. Adults: \$30/person; Ages 11-College Students: \$20; children 10 & under are free.

**April 2 - 5, 2026** - 39th Annual CoC Ladies Lectureship Retreat (Houston, TX) Early bird registration now through October 31<sup>st</sup>. See Pat Applewhite for details

**April 10 - 12, 2026** - The 2026 National Association of Celebrated Seniors Conference hosted by Camp Creek CoC (Atlanta, GA), Early bird registration \$125. See Roosevelt and Karen Stripling for details

October 3 - 8, 2026 - Southeastern Regional Lectureship hosted by Simpson Street CoC (Atlanta, GA), Hope Unshaken "Anchoring Your Soul In A Shifting World", Pre-registration \$150

If you are interested in joining the execution team for our 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2026, there will be a sign up sheet in the foyer on next Sunday. Please see Bennie Wilkerson for details. Also, if you have any pictures from through the years, please share with the Media Team. They will be returned to you.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

<u>Sedgewick Williams</u> - Asking prayers for traveling grace for daughter and future son-in-law as they travel back to Maryland tomorrow. Also asking prayers for Herb as he competes in an endurance activity this afternoon. Lastly, asking for prayers on behalf of my sister for peace and resolution as she grapples with various personal decisions.

<u>Paul Dunbar</u> - Please pray for me and my family during the passing of my sister on Saturday, 10/26. Also, pray for traveling grace to NYC & comfort

<u>Pamela Clark</u> - Requesting prayers for a successful surgery.

<u>Ricky Golden</u> - Asking for prayers for Sis Debra Golden who is having issues with her back and is not feeling well.

<u>Vicky Bernard</u> - Asking for prayers for mom, Emily Bernard, who is having surgery on Wednesday, 11/5.

<u>Tyree Bernard</u> - Please pray for Mason Bernard who is not feeling well.

<u>Tonya Wilkerson</u> - Asking for prayers for Bro. Ludy as he is in the hospital and scheduled to have a procedure on tomorrow.

<u>Natasha Johnson</u> - Please remember her her mother in your prayers.

<u>Sarah W*hite*</u> - Continued prayers for health issues.

<u>Cecile Driscoll</u> - Continued prayers for health issues.

Amani Lovelace - Please pray for me.

<u>Tabitha Harris</u> - Please keep me in prayer—I've sinned but have repented. Pray for strength to follow God's will over my emotions, and for my mother, Doris, as she faces mental and spiritual battles. Thank you for prayer on behalf of Maris Dunn.

<u>Hollingsworth Family</u> -Asking for prayer for our first cousin's husband (Marion Hodge) in Vernon, AL who is very sick. He is an elder in the church in AL and he needs surgery but the doctors don't know if he is strong enough to handle the procedure.

<u>Sheila Sumpter</u> -Please pray for my brother-inlaw, Robert Tidwell, placed in hospice and for my brother, Samuel Friterson admitted to the hospital for chest pain.

<u>Whitney Hayes</u> - Prayers during the passing of my grandmother and prayers for my mom who is not doing well. Prayers that she pushes toward God.

<u>Thomas Bryant</u> -Keep my cousin, Beverly Turner, in prayer for traveling grace and health.

<u>Jessica Coleman</u> - Pray for Trenita & Family, her family has been called to her bedside.

<u>Tony Murphy</u> - Asking for prayer.