

Sufficiency of Christ (He Is More Than Enough)

Key Scripture for this Series:

2 Corinthians 3:4-5 *And we have such trust through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God,*

Philippians 3:4-9 *though I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more! 5 I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. 6 I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault. 7 I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. 8 Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ 9 and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith.*

AS A CONVERT OF CHRIST PAUL ADMITTED:

1. God will meet all our **needs** every day as we **trust** in Him.
 - a. 2 Corinthians 3:4 *And we have such trust through Christ toward God.*
 - b. 2 Corinthians 3:5b *...our sufficiency is from God.*
2. God provides **power** for **service**.
 - a. 2 Corinthians 12:9 *And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*
3. God will provide **resources** you need to **minister** to others.
 - a. 2 Corinthians 9:8 *And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.*
 - b. All **grace**.
 - c. All **sufficiency**.
 - d. All **things**.
4. God just asks that we **seek** Him **first**.
 - a. Matthew 6:33-34 *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*

AS CONVERTS WE BECOME PART OF CHRIST'S SUFFICIENCY:

Matthew 14:13-21 *When Jesus heard it, He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities. 14 And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. 15 When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and*

the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food.” 16 But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” 17 And they said to Him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.” 18 He said, “Bring them here to Me.” 19 Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. 20 So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. 21 Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

1. Jesus teaches us that **compassion** helps us **see needs** around us.
 - a. Matthew 14:14 *And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.*
2. Jesus demonstrates how He will **use** what you **have** if you will **give** it to Him.
 - a. Matthew 14:17 *And they said to Him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.”*
 - b. It is not about what we think we **have**, but about what Jesus can **do** with what we **have**.
 - c. John 6:9 *“Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?”*
 - d. Matthew 14:19-20a *Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. 20 So they all ate and were filled...*
 - e. This story teaches us two things about Jesus’ ways:
 - f. First, Jesus uses those who are **willing** to be **used**.
 - g. Second, Jesus uses what we are **willing** to **give**.
3. Jesus can do **more** than **enough** for any **expectation** you face.
 - a. John 1:3 *God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him.*
 - b. Matthew 14:20b *...So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained.*
 - c. We see that nothing we face on **earth** is too **big** for God.
 - d. Matthew 6:25-27 *“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?”*