

### Hijacked: Part 3

**Review:**

- Our goal for this series is to help people learn to study God’s Word so they can understand it and grow as mature disciples of Jesus. Historically, people have taken God’s word out of context, and they have used it contrary to God’s intent.
- The goal is that we are equipped and know how to handle God’s Word.
- We want to realize the importance of studying God’s Word, and growing as mature disciples.

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**RLM’s Vision:** We will reach the world for Jesus, one person at a time.  
**RLM’s Mission:** We will make biblical disciples in relational environments.

**You have an enemy. He is a liar and a deceiver, and he wants to destroy you.**

- **Genesis 3:1** — Did God really say... (questioning God and His motives)
- **Matthew 4** — If you are the son of God... (quoting scripture)
- **John 8:44** — The devil is a murder and a liar!

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**Hijacked Verse:**

**Philippians 4:13** (NIV) I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

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**Inaccurate interpretations:**

- “I can do anything I set my mind to if I trust Jesus.”
- “There’s nothing I can’t do through Christ who gives me strength. All things are possible.”

**Ramifications of inaccurate interpretations:**

- Disillusionment
- Disappointment
- Embarrassment
- Wanting to quit rather than persevere.

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**Let’s apply the study tool L.I.G.H.T.S. to this passage:**

**L—Literal Interpretation**

- We are to interpret the Word of God just as we interpret other forms of communication in its most obvious and literal sense.
  - I can do all this through him who gives me strength. (**Philippians 4:13**)

## **I – Illumination by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:20-21; Hebrews 4:12-13; 2 Timothy 3:16)**

- The illumination of Scripture can only come from the Spirit of God.
- **1 Corinthians 2:12** says, “We have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.”
- As I read Scripture, I depend on the Holy Spirit through prayer to teach me His word, knowing that the Holy Spirit is my Counselor and Guide. (**John 14:26; John 16:13**)

## **G - Grammatical Principles**

- To be interpreted in accordance with the typical rules of grammar, including syntax and style. For this reason, it is important for the student of Scripture to have a basic understanding of grammatical principles.

## **H - Historical (context)**

- The biblical text is best understood when one is familiar with the customs, culture and historical context of biblical times.
    1. Paul is writing this letter to the Philippians from jail, encouraging them that his imprisonment is advancing the gospel. (**Philippians 1:12-18**)
    2. Paul is reminding the Philippians to have the same attitude as Jesus Christ. (**Philippians 2:5-11**)
    3. Paul reminds them to put no confidence in the flesh, and stay the course. (**Philippians 3**)
    4. We are to rejoice in the Lord always, and think and focus on what is true, and follow Paul’s example. (**Philippians 4:4-9**)
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## **T -Teaching Ministry**

- God has given the church teachers who communicate the truth of Scripture. (**Ephesians 4:11**)
- Proper teaching helps shapes the way you and I think about God and His Word.

## **S - Scriptural Harmony**

- Individual passages of Scripture must always be in harmony with Scripture as a whole.
- For **Philippians 4:13**, also look at...
  - **Isaiah 41:10**
  - **2 Corinthians 12:9-10**
  - **Colossians 1:11**

## **In Closing: Psalm 119:9-16**

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## **Homework for next week: Jeremiah 29:11**

### **Questions to ponder and discuss at home and in your life group:**

1. Which of the LIGHTS principles stands out to you from this sermon?
2. What are you recognizing about when scripture is taken out of context or misunderstood?
3. What has changed or been challenged about the way you understand, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"?
4. How are you encouraged to think differently about your part and God's part in life's situations?
5. With whom will you share what you've discovered in the sermon?