

All Things Through Christ

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"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Philippians 4:13)

It was in March 2018 that my wife Bryn was diagnosed with Stage 3A Breast Cancer, and it completely upended everything in our world. She was 39 at the time, so we were certainly surprised by her cancer. Her diagnosis came just two months after we learned my father had his own battle with cancer. Disease happened to my family, and we found we were helpless to make life happen the way we had wanted.

Philippians became an anchor of hope to Bryn and me during the many months of surgery, chemo, radiation, and sickness. As I kept preaching in my itinerant ministry, I found myself returning again to Philippians 4:6-9, exhorting the church to be anxious for nothing but to give every concern to Christ. It was very helpful to me as I taught and shared how God was taking us through a journey of trust and reliance on Him during very dark days.

One night, as I was once again preaching from Philippians 4 in yet another church, I quoted Philippians 4:13 and focused on the 4-word phrase "all things through Christ." I emphasized how no matter what happens, the Christian's strength is found in Christ alone. All things...including cancer...is to be faced through Christ. He alone is our strength. As I said those words that night, I instantly knew I had my next hymn title and theme. I had wanted to write a song about what God was teaching us through cancer, but hadn't had any direction until that moment.

I am grateful to my friend Matt Taylor for providing the music. He was a rock of encouragement to me during Bryn's cancer as he was going through his own grief at the loss of his father. Thank you, Matt. God had you in my life at the time I needed. Though much has changed in our lives, nothing eternal has changed. Our prayer is that cancer would not come back. But even if it returns, we know we can face ***all things through Christ.***