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MESSAGE NOTES

God's Sovereignty and Our Freedom

Philippians 4:13

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Does God being all-powerful mean we don't have free choices? Or if we have free will, does that mean God isn't fully in control?

1. God is Sovereign

God is sovereign means that God is all-powerful and in control of everything.

God's Authority and Loving Control over the Universe

Colossians 1:17 "He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."

Romans 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

2. We Have Freedom of Choice

- Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:16-17).
- The Israelites were to choose who they will serve (Joshua 24:15).
- The importance of our choices (John 3:16).

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

God shows his love and kindness by giving us freedom of choice to follow or not to follow his will.

3. God's Sovereignty and the Freedom We Have

With God's sovereignty and our freedom put together we can say:

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (**Philippians 4:13**).

Knowing that we are dependent on God we can receive the power and confidence to do what God has called us to do.