

Abundant Life Church
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Series: **Voices**

Title: ***I Can't***

What voices in your life have influenced you the most?

A teenager's life: in process of writing a story.

Most adult's lives: only telling a story.

I believe God has been gently and consistently prodding his people to step out and do something!

Philippians 4:13 (NCV)

I can do all things through Christ, because he gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13 is an "inconvenient truth" to all of our excuses.

We can easily be influenced by the opinions of others!

People's opinions about you are Rorschach's inkblots; their opinion of you tells more about them than you.

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It's never what's around you that matters; it's always what's in you that matters.

1 Samuel 17:12-15 (ESV)

Now David was the son of Jesse, and Jesse had eight sons. In Saul's time Jesse was an old man. His three oldest sons followed Saul to the war... David was the youngest. The three oldest sons followed Saul, but David went back and forth from Saul to Bethlehem, where he took care of his father's sheep.

The longer a problem persists in your life:

- The more discouraged you become
- The more excuses you make
- The more you learn to compensate

Psalms 1:1-3 (NKJV)

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.