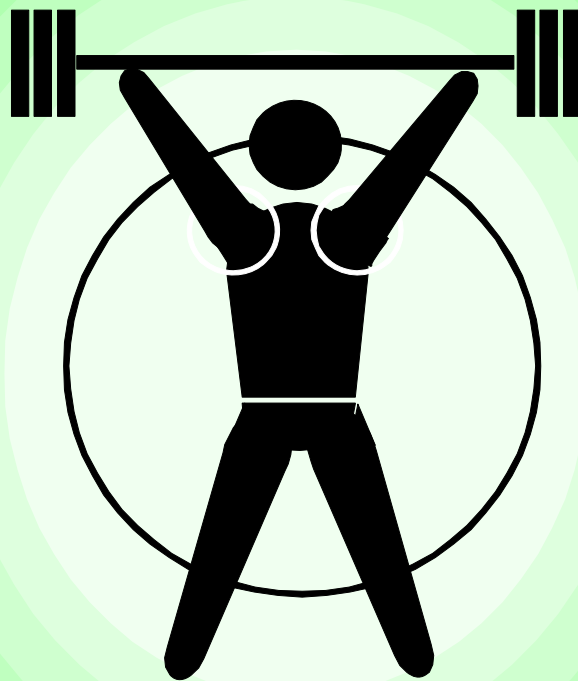


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INTRODUCTION:

As Christians, there are times in our lives that we feel very weak and discouraged, especially those in Leadership. When this happens, read these Scriptures, and let the Holy Spirit minister to you and renew your “Strength”.

Isa 40:31

31 **But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.**

COMMENTARY:

The following Scriptures confirm that as Christians, we need not faint nor be discouraged!

1. Because it is the Lord that is always with you, and He will go before you.

Deut 31:6-8

6 **Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.**

7 And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, **Be strong and of a good courage:** for thou must go with this people unto the land which the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it.

8 **And the LORD, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee:** fear not, neither be dismayed.

Deut 31:22-23

22 Moses therefore wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel.

23 And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, **Be strong and of a good courage:** for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I sware unto them: **and I will be with thee.**

2. The Lord is always with us if we keep His Commandments, read the Bible and do what it says.

Josh 1:5-9

5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, **so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.**

6 **Be strong and of a good courage:** for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them.

7 **Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee:** turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

8 **This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein:** for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

9 **Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage;** be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: **for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.**

Josh 1:18

18 Whosoever he be that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: **only be strong and of a good courage.**

1 Chr 22:12-13

12 Only the LORD give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, **that thou mayest keep the law of the LORD thy God.**

13 Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the LORD charged Moses with concerning Israel: **be strong, and of good courage;** dread not, nor be dismayed.

1 Jn 3:23-24

23 **And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.**

24 **And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.**

3. The Lord will fight your enemies for you.

Josh 10:24-25

24 And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the captains of the men of war which went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them.

25 And Joshua said unto them, **Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.**

Isa 35:3-4

3 **Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.**

4 Say to them that are of a fearful heart, **Be strong, fear not:** behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; **he will come and save you.**

4. When building a church, Be Strong and of Good Courage, for the Lord is with you.

1 Chr 28:10

10 **Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.**

1 Chr 28:20

20 And David said to Solomon his son, **Be strong and of good courage, and do it:** fear not, nor be dismayed: **for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee;** he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, **until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.**

Hag 2:4

4 **Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts:**

2 Chr 15:7

7 **Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.**

5. By fasting and seeking the Lord, He will Strengthen us.

Dan 10:2-3

2 In those days **I Daniel was mourning three full weeks.**

3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

Dan 10:18-19

18 **Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me,**

19 **And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.**

6. We need to encourage one another.

Isa 41:6

6 They helped every one his neighbour (Friend); **and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage.**

7. If we will Be of Good Courage, the Lord will Strengthen our hearts.

Ps 27:14

14 **Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.**

Ps 31:24

24 **Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.**

CONCLUSION:

In Conclusion, the Lord would have you to act like men/women of God and “Be Strong”. “Be Strong” in the Grace of Jesus Christ, and in the Power of His Might!

1 Cor 16:13

13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, **quit (act) you like men, be strong.**

2 Tim 2:1

1 Thou therefore, my son, **be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.**

Eph 6:10

10 **Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.**

AMEN!

TIMOTHY II