

“BE STRONG!”

Ephesians 6:10, 11 ¹⁰ *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.* ¹¹ *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

WHAT IT MEANS

Romans 15:1

We then who are **strong** ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

1 Corinthians 16:13

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be **strong**.

2 Corinthians 12:10

Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am **strong**.

2 Timothy 2:1

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

Hebrews 11:34

quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made **strong**, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

1 John 2:14

I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are **strong**, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.

- *Relying on God's power rather than human strength*
- *Courage in adversity*
- *Spiritual Maturity*
- *Perseverance and Encouragement*
- *Strength in Weakness*

GOD'S COMMAND TO JOSHUA

Joshua 1:1-9

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying: ² "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. ³ Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. ⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. ⁵ No man shall *be able to* stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. ⁶ Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall ^[a]divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may ^[b]prosper wherever you go. ⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you^[c] shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God *is* with you wherever you."

"Be Strong"

1. Because of the people he was leading
2. Because of the direction he would be needing
3. Because of the enemies he would be facing

THE ENEMIES WE FACE

"If you were the Devil..." (a reading from ChatGPT)

WHAT HOLDS YOU BACK?

Numbers 13:31-33

were in theirs."

"...and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight and so we

THE RIGHT RESPONSE

Numbers 14:6-10

But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes;* ⁷ and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: *"The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. ⁸ If the Lord delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, 'a land which flows with milk and honey.'* ⁹ *Only do not rebel against the Lord, nor fear the*

people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the Lord is with us. Do not fear them.”

¹⁰ And all the congregation said to stone them with stones.

I CAN BE STRONG!

Joel 3:10

Beat your plowshares into swords And your pruning hooks into spears; Let the weak say, ‘I am strong.’ ”

Luke 22:32

But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.”