

STRENGTHEN TO  
**STAND**

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## **Luke 21:25-36**

**A call to God's people to be strengthened to escape snares, to avoid sin and fear. To stand in victory, to take head and watch and pray.**

- A snare is a trap
- A Snare is hidden from sight: it's to lure you, to bring you into a false sense of security.
- A snare holds you captive. You are entrapped, very difficult to escape.
- A snare can be an offence toward someone.

# **This Demonic snare can manifest in many ways.**

- 1. Lust and sexual immorality**
- 2. Wearing you down, giving up, loss of zeal, dull in spirit.**
- 3. Fear, doubt, unbelief, wont stand for Righteousness.**
- 4. Offended at God, Mad at God for what He's allowed or what He won't do.**

# Jesus highlights 3 Emotional Snares

1. **Carousing (*dissipation*) over-indulgence, leading you to squander or lose your strength. Your strength is dissipated as you live without sufficient restraint. You seek to be overly stimulated by what you eat, drink, watch and do.**

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2. Drunkenness to escape pain  
or pressure without God

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## 3. Cares of life (pre-occupied)

Full of busyness, fear, anxiety, competition, over committed to the things of this world.

**Our hearts grow spiritually dull defiled,  
clouded, and unresponsive to God.  
We lose godly perspective, courage,  
boldness and motivation to walk  
out or seek God.**

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**To watch- Be alert to what God is doing,  
Stay in step with leadership. Look out for  
each other. Look at our personal lives.  
(How am I doing?)**

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# FEAR OF GOD

## Scriptures

- “I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me.” (Jer. 32:40)
- Unite my heart to fear Your name. (Ps. 86:11)
- His delight is in the fear of the Lord. (Isa. 11:3)

## Prayer

*Father, release the spirit of the fear of God into my heart. Strike my heart with revelation of Your majesty, that I might live in awe before You. Release Your presence with holy dread that causes my spirit to tremble before Your glorious majesty. Unite my heart to Your heart and Word, and cause me to delight in the fear of God.*

# ENDURANCE

## Scriptures

- Being strengthened with all power . . . so that you may have great endurance and patience. (Col. 1:11, NIV)
- May the Lord direct your hearts into . . . the patience of Christ.(2 Thes. 3:5)

## Prayer

*Father, strengthen my inner man with endurance, that I may do Your will with zeal and diligence, and not quit pursuing the deep things of Your heart. Impart endurance to me for fasting. Direct my heart into the patience and endurance in which Jesus walked. Give me strength to follow through in my commitments to You and to fulfill my ministry calling when it is difficult.*

# LOVE

## Scriptures

- The love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 5:5)
- May the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another. (1 Thes. 3:12)

## Prayer

*Father, pour out Your love into my inner man by the Holy Spirit, that my heart may overflow in love back to You and to others (Rom. 5:5). I also ask that You impart Your love for Jesus into my heart (John 17:26). I ask for grace to love God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:30). Allow me to comprehend Jesus' love for me and to abide in it—stay connected to it (John 15:9). Let me see myself through Your eyes and love who You created me to be (Ps. 139:13–15).*

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# LIGHT OF GLORY

## Scriptures

- Lord, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.
- (Ps. 4:6)
- His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.  
(Rev. 1:16)

## Prayer

*Father, let me see the light of Your glory. Give me Holy Spirit encounters—dreams, visions, angelic visitations, manifestations of Your light, fire, and wind—as You gave to Moses, Isaiah, Ezekiel, the disciples on the day of Pentecost, and John on the island of Patmos*

# ONE THING

## Scriptures

- One thing I have desired . . . that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord. (Ps. 27:4)
- “But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part.” (Luke 10:42)

## Prayer

*Father, I commit to live as a person of one thing. Help me to regularly sit at Your feet as Mary of Bethany did. Strengthen me to desire and maintain a lifestyle that has regular times before You in Your Word. When I lose this focus, send Your Word to deliver me, as You did for the saints in the early church*

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# WORTHY

## Scriptures

- Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. (Ps. 51:10)
- Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties. (Ps. 139:23)

## Prayer

*Father, strengthen my inner man to walk in faith and obedience that is worthy to escape all compromise and to prepare me for the highest things that You have called me to. Help me to live free of compromise, that I would walk blamelessly in body, soul, and spirit, and be able to stand before You victorious, in full obedience*

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# SPEECH

## Scriptures

- Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight. (Ps. 19:14)
- Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips. (Ps. 141:3)

## Prayer

*Father, set a guard over my lips and help me to speak only words that are pleasing to You. Free me from defensive, angry, and foolish speech. Keep me from quenching the Spirit with my words. I set my heart not to sin with my speech, that I could sustain unbroken communion with You.*



# HUMILITY

## Scriptures

- “Take My yoke . . . and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.” (Matt. 11:29)

## Prayer

*Jesus, teach me how to walk in Your yoke of humility and lowliness. I set my heart to learn lowliness of heart from You that will transform my attitudes, speech, and actions. Give me wisdom on how to carry my heart in humility.*

# INSIGHT UNTO INTIMACY

## Scriptures

- “The Spirit of truth . . . will guide you into all truth . . . He will tell you things to come.” (John 16:13)
- “The Holy Spirit . . . will teach you all things.” (John 14:26)

## Prayer

*Father, give me insight into Your Word, will, and ways. Give me wisdom about how to walk in intimacy with You in every area of my life, including my finances, schedule, emotions, circumstances physical body (diet, health), relationships (in the home, office, ministry), my future, fears, addictions, etc. Let me know the secrets of Your heart (Ps. 25:14). What are You thinking and feeling about my city, nation, and generation?*

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# PEACE AND JOY

## Scriptures

- The peace of God . . . will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (Phil. 4:7)
- Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Rom.15:13)

## Prayer

*Father, strengthen my heart with supernatural peace in areas where I feel rejection, fear, and anxiety; strengthen my mind that I may overcome all turmoil, confusion, and indecision.*

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# THANK YOU

## Scriptures

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## Prayer

*Thank You, Holy Spirit, for Your bright presence in me. I love Your presence. Apart from You, I can do nothing.*

# RELEASE REVELATION

## Scriptures

- . . . that . . . the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened . . . (Eph. 1:16–18)
- Give me understanding according to Your word. (Ps. 119:169)

## Prayer

*Holy Spirit, I ask You to release revelation of God's heart and Word to me. I ask that You open my eyes and give me understanding as I read Your Word.*

# USE ME

## Scriptures

- The manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all. (1 Cor. 12:7)
- But earnestly desire the best gifts. (1 Cor. 12:31)
- Desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. (1 Cor. 14:1)

## Prayer

*Holy Spirit, I ask You to release Your gifts and power through me to help others. I desire to be a vessel of Your presence to bless others.*

# STRENGTHEN ME

## Scriptures

- . . . that He would grant you . . . to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man. (Eph. 3:16)
- The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. (Gal. 5:22–23)

## Prayer

*Holy Spirit, release divine might to strengthen my mind and emotions. Thank You for the presence of Your love, peace, patience, and self-control in me.*

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# TEACH ME

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## Prayer

*Holy Spirit, I ask You to lead me in every area of my life. Give me new and creative ideas, order my steps, and open doors for new relationships and new business and ministry opportunities. Teach me how to live in a manner that is pleasing to You, and show me how best to walk in Your will, blessing, and prosperity for my life.*

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